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#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 **FORM 10-K**

#### ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 **Commission File Number 1-32225** 

HOLLY ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

Formed under the laws of the State of Delaware I.R.S. Employer Identification No. 20-0833098 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1600 Dallas, Texas 75201-6915

**Telephone Number: (214) 871-3555** Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Limited Partner Units

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

None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes o No b

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 o No b

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Yes o No o

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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 definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer b

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).

The aggregate market value of common limited partner units held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$640 million on June 30, 2010, based on the last sales price as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

The number of the registrant s outstanding common limited partners units at February 11, 2011 was 22,078,509. **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:** None

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#### PART I

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this Form 10-K, including, but not limited to, those under Business, Risk Factors and Properties in Items 1, 1A and 2 and Management s Discussion Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Item 7, are forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements use words such as anticipate, project, expect, plan, goal, forecast, intend, believe, expressions and statements regarding our plans and objectives for future operations. These statements are based on our beliefs and assumptions and those of our general partner using currently available information and expectations as of the date hereof, are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties. Although we and our general partner believe that such expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, neither we nor our general partner can give assurance that our expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated, projected or expected. Certain factors could cause actual results to differ materially from results anticipated in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to:

risks and uncertainties with respect to the actual quantities of petroleum products and crude oil shipped on our pipelines and/or terminalled in our terminals;

the economic viability of Holly Corporation, Alon USA, Inc. and our other customers;

the demand for refined petroleum products in markets we serve;

our ability to successfully purchase and integrate additional operations in the future;

our ability to complete previously announced or contemplated acquisitions;

the availability and cost of additional debt and equity financing;

the possibility of reductions in production or shutdowns at refineries utilizing our pipeline and terminal facilities:

the effects of current and future government regulations and policies;

our operational efficiency in carrying out routine operations and capital construction projects;

the possibility of terrorist attacks and the consequences of any such attacks;

general economic conditions; and

other financial, operations and legal risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are set forth in this Form 10-K, including without limitation, the forward-looking statements that are referred to above. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements set forth in this Form 10-K under Risk Factors in Item 1A. All forward-looking statements included in this Form 10-K and all subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and, other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly

update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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### Item 1. Business OVERVIEW

Holly Energy Partners, L.P. ( HEP ) is a Delaware limited partnership engaged principally in the business of operating a system of petroleum product and crude oil pipelines, storage tanks, distribution terminals and loading rack facilities in west Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma and Idaho. We were formed in Delaware in 2004 and maintain our principal corporate offices at 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201-6915. Our telephone number is 214-871-3555 and our internet website address is <u>www.hollvenergy.com</u>. The information contained on our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. A copy of this Annual Report on Form 10-K will be provided without charge upon written request to the Vice President, Investor Relations at the above address. A direct link to our filings at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) website is available on our website on the Investors page. Additionally available on our website are copies of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Audit Committee Charter, Compensation Committee Charter, and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, all of which will be provided without charge upon written request to the Vice President, Investor Relations at the above address. In this document, the words we. ours and us refer to HEP and its consolidated subsidiaries or to HEP or an individ our. subsidiary and not to any other person. Holly refers to Holly Corporation and its subsidiaries, other than HEP and its subsidiaries and other than Holly Logistic Services, L.L.C. (HLS), a subsidiary of Holly Corporation that is the general partner of the general partner of HEP and manages HEP.

We own and operate petroleum product and crude oil pipelines and terminal, tankage and loading rack facilities that support Holly Corporation s (Holly) refining and marketing operations in west Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Oklahoma, Idaho and Arizona. Holly currently owns a 34% interest in us including the 2% general partner interest. We also own and operate refined product pipelines and terminals, located primarily in Texas, that service Alon USA, Inc. s (Alon) refinery in Big Spring, Texas. Additionally, we own a 25% joint venture interest in a 95-mile intrastate crude oil pipeline system (the SLC Pipeline) that serves refineries in the Salt Lake City area.

We generate revenues by charging tariffs for transporting petroleum products and crude oil through our pipelines, by charging fees for terminalling refined products and other hydrocarbons, and storing and providing other services at our storage tanks and terminals. We do not take ownership of products that we transport, terminal or store, and therefore, we are not directly exposed to changes in commodity prices.

Our assets include:

#### Pipelines:

approximately 820 miles of refined product pipelines, including 340 miles of leased pipelines, that transport gasoline, diesel and jet fuel principally from Holly s Navajo refinery in New Mexico to its customers in the metropolitan and rural areas of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and northern Mexico;

approximately 510 miles of refined product pipelines that transport refined products from Alon s Big Spring refinery in Texas to its customers in Texas and Oklahoma;

three 65-mile intermediate pipelines that transport intermediate feedstocks and crude oil from Holly s Navajo refinery crude oil distillation and vacuum facilities in Lovington, New Mexico to its petroleum refinery facilities in Artesia, New Mexico;

approximately 960 miles of crude oil trunk, gathering and connection pipelines located in west Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma that deliver crude oil to Holly s Navajo refinery;

approximately 10 miles of crude oil and refined product pipelines that support Holly s Woods Cross refinery located near Salt Lake City, Utah; and

gasoline and diesel connecting pipelines located at Holly s Tulsa east refinery facility.

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Refined Product Terminals and Refinery Tankage:

four refined product terminals located in El Paso, Texas; Moriarty and Bloomfield, New Mexico; and Tucson, Arizona, with an aggregate capacity of approximately 1,000,000 barrels, that are integrated with our refined product pipeline system that serves Holly s Navajo refinery;

three refined product terminals (two of which are 50% owned), located in Burley and Boise, Idaho and Spokane, Washington, with an aggregate capacity of approximately 500,000 barrels, that serve third-party common carrier pipelines;

one refined product terminal near Mountain Home, Idaho with a capacity of 120,000 barrels, that serves a nearby United States Air Force Base;

two refined product terminals, located in Wichita Falls and Abilene, Texas, and one tank farm in Orla, Texas with aggregate capacity of 480,000 barrels, that are integrated with our refined product pipelines that serve Alon s Big Spring refinery;

a refined product truck loading rack facility at each of Holly s Navajo and Woods Cross refineries, an asphalt truck loading rack facility at the Navajo refinery Lovington, New Mexico facility, refined product and lube oil rail loading racks and a lube oil truck loading rack at Holly s Tulsa refinery west facility and a refined product, asphalt and liquefied petroleum gas ( LPG ) truck loading rack, a truck unloading rack and a rail loading rack at Holly s Tulsa refinery east facility;

a Roswell, New Mexico jet fuel terminal leased through September 2011;

on-site crude oil tankage at Holly s Navajo, Woods Cross and Tulsa refineries having an aggregate storage capacity of approximately 600,000 barrels; and

on-site refined product and hydrocarbon tankage at Holly s Tulsa refinery having an aggregate storage capacity of approximately 3,400,000 barrels.

We also own a 25% joint venture interest in the SLC Pipeline, a 95-mile intrastate pipeline system that serves refineries in the Salt Lake City area.

We have a long-term strategic relationship with Holly. Our growth plan is to continue to pursue purchases of logistic assets at its existing refining locations in New Mexico, Utah and Oklahoma. We will also work with Holly on logistic asset acquisitions in conjunction with Holly s refinery acquisition strategies. Furthermore, we will continue to pursue third-party logistic asset acquisitions which are accretive to our unitholders and increase the diversity of our revenues.

#### Tulsa East / Lovington Storage Asset Transaction

2010 Acquisitions

On March 31, 2010, we acquired from Holly certain storage assets for \$88.6 million consisting of hydrocarbon storage tanks having approximately 2 million barrels of storage capacity, a rail loading rack and a truck unloading rack located at Holly s Tulsa refinery east facility.

In connection with this purchase, we amended our 15-year pipeline, tankage and loading rack throughput agreement with Holly (the Holly PTTA) that initially pertained to the logistics and storage assets acquired from an affiliate of Sinclair Oil Company (Sinclair) in December 2009. Under the amended Holly PTTA, Holly has agreed to transport, throughput and load volumes of product through our Tulsa east facility logistics and storage assets that will result in minimum annualized revenues to us of \$27.2 million.

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Also, as part of this same transaction, we acquired Holly s asphalt loading rack facility located at its Navajo refinery facility in Lovington, New Mexico for \$4.4 million and entered into a 15-year asphalt facility throughput agreement (the Holly ATA). Under the Holly ATA, Holly has agreed to throughput a minimum volume of products via our Lovington asphalt loading rack facility that will result in minimum annualized revenues to us of \$0.5 million.

#### 2009 Acquisitions

#### Sinclair Logistics and Storage Assets Transaction

On December 1, 2009, we acquired from Sinclair storage tanks having approximately 1.4 million barrels of storage capacity and loading racks at its refinery located in Tulsa, Oklahoma for \$79.2 million. The purchase price consisted of \$25.7 million in cash, including \$4.2 million in taxes paid and 1,373,609 of our common units having a fair value of \$53.5 million. Separately, Holly, also a party to the transaction, acquired Sinclair s Tulsa refinery.

#### Roadrunner / Beeson Pipelines Transaction

Also on December 1, 2009, we acquired from Holly two newly constructed pipelines for \$46.5 million, consisting of a 65-mile, 16-inch crude oil pipeline (the Roadrunner Pipeline) that connects the Navajo refinery Lovington facility to a terminus of Centurion Pipeline L.P. s pipeline extending between west Texas and Cushing, Oklahoma and a 37-mile, 8-inch crude oil pipeline that connects our New Mexico crude oil gathering system to the Navajo refinery Lovington facility (the Beeson Pipeline).

#### Tulsa West Loading Racks Transaction

On August 1, 2009, we acquired from Holly certain truck and rail loading/unloading facilities located at Holly s Tulsa refinery west facility for \$17.5 million. The racks load refined products and lube oils produced at the Tulsa refinery onto rail cars and/or tanker trucks.

#### Lovington-Artesia Pipeline Transaction

On June 1, 2009, we acquired from Holly a newly constructed, 16-inch intermediate pipeline for \$34.2 million that runs 65 miles from the Navajo refinery s crude oil distillation and vacuum facilities in Lovington, New Mexico to its petroleum refinery located in Artesia, New Mexico.

#### **SLC Pipeline Joint Venture Interest**

On March 1, 2009, we acquired a 25% joint venture interest in the SLC Pipeline, a 95-mile intrastate pipeline system that we jointly own with Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (Plains). The total cost of our investment in the SLC Pipeline was \$28 million, consisting of the capitalized \$25.5 million joint venture contribution and the \$2.5 million finder s fee paid to Holly that was expensed as acquisition costs.

#### **Holly Capacity Expansion**

Also in March 2009 Holly, our largest customer, completed a 15,000 barrels per stream day (bpsd) capacity expansion of its Navajo refinery increasing refining capacity to 100,000 bpsd, or by 18%.

#### **Rio Grande Pipeline Sale**

On December 1, 2009, we sold our 70% interest in Rio Grande Pipeline Company (Rio Grande) to a subsidiary of Enterprise Products Partners LP for \$35 million. Results of operations of Rio Grande and the \$14.5 million gain on the sale are presented in discontinued operations.

#### 2008 Acquisition

#### Crude Pipelines and Tankage Transaction

On February 29, 2008, we acquired from Holly certain crude pipelines and tankage assets for \$180 million, consisting of crude oil trunk lines that support the Navajo refinery, crude oil and refined product pipelines that support the Woods Cross refinery, on-site crude tankage located at the Navajo and Woods Cross refinery complexes, a jet fuel products pipeline between Artesia and Roswell, New Mexico and a leased jet fuel terminal in Roswell, New Mexico. The consideration paid consisted of \$171 million in cash and 217,497 of our common units having a fair value of \$9 million.

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#### Agreements with Holly and Alon

We serve Holly s refineries in New Mexico, Utah and Oklahoma under the following long-term pipeline and terminal, tankage and throughput agreements:

Holly PTA (pipelines and terminals throughput agreement expiring in 2019 that relates to assets contributed to us by Holly upon our initial public offering in 2004);

Holly IPA (intermediate pipelines throughput agreement expiring in 2024 that relates to assets acquired from Holly in 2005 and 2009);

Holly CPTA (crude pipelines and tankage throughput agreement expiring in 2023 that relates to assets acquired from Holly in 2008);

Holly PTTA (pipeline, tankage and loading rack throughput agreement expiring in 2024 that relates to the Tulsa east facilities acquired from Sinclair in 2009 and from Holly in March 2010);

Holly RPA (pipeline throughput agreement expiring in 2024 that relates to the Roadrunner Pipeline acquired from Holly in 2009);

Holly ETA (equipment and throughput agreement expiring in 2024 that relates to the Tulsa west facilities acquired from Holly in 2009);

Holly NPA (natural gas pipeline throughput agreement expiring in 2024); and

Holly ATA (asphalt loading rack throughput agreement expiring in 2025 that relates to the Lovington rack facility acquired from Holly in March 2010).

Under these agreements, Holly agreed to transport, store and throughput volumes of refined product and crude oil on our pipelines and terminal, tankage and loading rack facilities that result in minimum annual payments to us. These minimum annual payments or revenues are adjusted each year at a percentage change based upon the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) but will not decrease as a result of a decrease in the PPI. Under these agreements, the agreed upon tariff rates are adjusted each year on July 1 at a rate based upon the percentage change in the PPI or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) index, but with the exception of the Holly IPA, generally will not decrease as a result of a decrease in the PPI or FERC index. The FERC index is the change in the PPI plus a FERC adjustment factor that is reviewed periodically.

We also have a pipelines and terminals agreement with Alon expiring in 2020 (the Alon PTA) under which Alon has agreed to transport on our pipelines and throughput through our terminals volumes of refined products that result in a minimum level of annual revenue. The agreed upon tariff rates are increased or decreased annually at a rate equal to the percentage change in PPI, but not below the initial tariff rate.

If Holly or Alon fail to meet their minimum volume commitments under the agreements in any quarter, it will be required to pay us in cash the amount of any shortfall by the last day of the month following the end of the quarter. A shortfall payment under the Holly PTA, Holly IPA and Alon PTA may be applied as a credit in the following four quarters after minimum obligations are met.

We also have a capacity lease agreement with Alon under which we lease Alon space on our Orla to El Paso pipeline for the shipment of up to 17,500 barrels of refined product per day. The terms under this agreement expire beginning in 2012 through 2018.

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At December 31, 2010, contractual minimums under our long-term service agreements are as follows:

Agreement	Ann Com	Minimum Annualized Commitment (in millions)		Contract Type
Holly PTA	\$	43.7	2019	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly IPA		20.7	2024	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly CPTA		28.4	2023	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly PTTA		27.2	2024	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly RPA		9.2	2024	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly ETA		2.7	2024	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly ATA		0.5	2025	Minimum revenue commitment
Holly NPA		0.6	2024	Minimum revenue commitment
Alon PTA		22.7	2020	Minimum volume commitment
Alon capacity lease		6.6	Various	Capacity lease
Total	\$	162.3		

A significant reduction in revenues under these agreements would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Furthermore, if new laws or regulations that affect terminals or pipelines are enacted that require us to make substantial and unanticipated capital expenditures at the pipelines or terminals, we will have the right after we have made efforts to mitigate their effects to negotiate a monthly surcharge on Holly for the use of the terminals or to file for an increased tariff rate for use of the pipelines to cover Holly s pro rata portion of the cost of complying with these laws or regulations including a reasonable rate of return. In such instances, we will negotiate in good faith with Holly to agree on the level of the monthly surcharge or increased tariff rate.

#### **Omnibus Agreement**

We entered into an omnibus agreement with Holly in 2004 that Holly and we have amended and restated several times in connection with our past acquisitions from Holly with the last amendment and restatement occurring on March 31, 2010 (the Omnibus Agreement ). Under certain provisions of the Omnibus Agreement, we pay Holly an annual administrative fee for the provision by Holly or its affiliates of various general and administrative services to us, currently \$2.3 million. This fee includes expenses incurred by Holly and its affiliates to perform centralized corporate functions, such as executive management, legal, accounting, treasury, information technology and other corporate services, including the administration of employee benefit plans. This fee does not include the salaries of pipeline and terminal personnel or the cost of their employee benefits, such as 401(k), pension and health insurance benefits, which are separately charged to us by Holly. We also reimburse Holly and its affiliates for direct expenses they incur on our behalf. In addition, we also pay for our own direct general and administrative costs, including costs relating to operating as a separate publicly held entity, such as costs for preparation of partners K-1 tax information, SEC filings, investor relations, directors compensation, directors and officers insurance and registrar and transfer agent fees. Under the Omnibus Agreement, Holly agreed to indemnify us up to certain aggregate amounts for any environmental noncompliance and remediation liabilities associated with assets transferred to us and occurring or existing prior to the date of such transfers. The transfers that are covered by the agreement include the refined product pipelines, terminals and tanks transferred by Holly s subsidiaries in connection with our initial public offering in July 2004, the intermediate pipelines acquired in July 2005, the crude pipelines and tankage assets acquired in 2008, and the asphalt loading rack facility acquired in March 2010. The Omnibus Agreement provides environmental indemnification of up to \$15 million for the assets transferred to us, other than the crude pipelines and tankage assets, plus an additional

\$2.5 million for the intermediate pipelines acquired in July 2005. Except as described below, Holly s indemnification obligations described above will remain in effect for an asset for ten years following the date it is transferred to us. The Omnibus Agreement also provides an additional \$7.5 million of indemnification through 2023 for environmental noncompliance and remediation liabilities specific to the crude pipelines and tankage assets. Holly s indemnification obligations described above do not apply to (i) the Tulsa west loading racks acquired in August 2009, (ii) the 16-inch intermediate pipeline acquired in June 2009, (iii) the Roadrunner Pipeline, (iv) the Beeson Pipeline, (v) the logistics and storage assets acquired from Sinclair in December 2009, or (vi) the Tulsa east storage tanks and loading racks acquired in March 2010.

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Under provisions of the Holly ETA and Holly PTTA, Holly will indemnify us for environmental liabilities arising from our pre-ownership operations of the Tulsa west loading rack facilities acquired from Holly in August 2009, the Tulsa logistics and storage assets acquired from Sinclair in December 2009 and the Tulsa east storage tanks and loading racks acquired from Holly in March 2010. Additionally, Holly agreed to indemnify us for any liabilities arising from Holly s operation of the loading racks under the Holly ETA.

We have an environmental agreement with Alon with respect to pre-closing environmental costs and liabilities relating to the pipelines and terminals acquired from Alon in 2005, under which Alon will indemnify us through 2015, subject to a \$100,000 deductible and a \$20 million maximum liability cap.

#### **CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Our pipeline and terminalling operations are capital intensive, requiring investments to maintain, expand, upgrade or enhance existing operations and to meet environmental and operational regulations. Our capital requirements have consisted of, and are expected to continue to consist of, maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures represent capital expenditures to replace partially or fully depreciated assets to maintain the operating capacity of existing assets. Maintenance capital expenditures include expenditures required to maintain equipment reliability, tankage and pipeline integrity, safety and to address environmental regulations. Expansion capital expenditures represent capital expenditures to expand the operating capacity of existing or new assets, whether through construction or acquisition. Expansion capital expenditures include expenditures to acquire assets, to grow our business and to expand existing facilities, such as projects that increase throughput capacity on our pipelines and in our terminals. Repair and maintenance expenses associated with existing assets that are minor in nature and do not extend the useful life of existing assets are charged to operating expenses as incurred. Each year the HLS board of directors approves our annual capital budget, which specifies capital projects that our management is authorized to undertake. Additionally, at times when conditions warrant or as new opportunities arise, special projects may be approved. The funds allocated for a particular capital project may be expended over a period in excess of a year, depending on the time required to complete the project. Therefore, our planned capital expenditures for a given year consist of expenditures approved for capital projects included in the current year s capital budget as well as, in certain cases, expenditures approved for capital projects in capital budgets for prior years. The 2011 capital budget is comprised of \$5.8 million for maintenance capital expenditures and \$20.1 million for expansion capital expenditures.

We are currently constructing five interconnecting pipelines between Holly s Tulsa east and west refining facilities. The project is expected to cost approximately \$28 million with completion in the second quarter of 2011. We are currently negotiating terms for a long-term agreement with Holly to transfer intermediate products via these pipelines that will commence upon completion of the project. In the event that we are unable to obtain such an agreement, Holly will reimburse us for the cost of the pipelines.

We have an option agreement with Holly, granting us an option to purchase Holly s 75% equity interest in the UNEV Pipeline, a joint venture pipeline currently under construction that will be capable of transporting refined petroleum products from Salt Lake City, Utah to Las Vegas, Nevada. Under this agreement, we have an option to purchase Holly s equity interest in the UNEV Pipeline, effective for a 180-day period commencing when the UNEV Pipeline becomes operational, at a purchase price equal to Holly s investment in the joint venture pipeline, plus interest at 7% per annum. The initial capacity of the pipeline will be 62,000 barrels per day (bpd), with the capacity for further expansion to 120,000 bpd. The current total cost of the pipeline project including terminals is expected to be approximately \$325 million. This includes the construction of ethanol blending and storage facilities at the Cedar City terminal. The pipeline is in the final construction phase and is expected to be mechanically complete in the second quarter of 2011.

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We expect that our currently planned expenditures for sustaining and maintenance capital as well as expenditures for acquisitions and capital development projects such as the UNEV Pipeline described above, will be funded with existing cash generated by operations, the sale of additional limited partner units, the issuance of debt securities and advances under our \$275 million senior secured credit agreement (the Amended Credit Agreement ), or a combination thereof. With volatility and uncertainty at times in the credit and equity markets, there may be limits on our ability to issue new debt or equity financing. Additionally, due to pricing movements in the debt and equity markets, we may not be able to issue new debt and equity securities at acceptable pricing. Without additional capital beyond amounts available under our Amended Credit Agreement, our ability to fund some of these capital projects may be limited, especially the UNEV Pipeline. We are not obligated to purchase these assets nor are we subject to any fees or penalties if HLS board of directors decides not to proceed with any of these opportunities.

#### SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

We perform preventive and normal maintenance on all of our pipeline systems and make repairs and replacements when necessary or appropriate. We also conduct routine and required inspections of our pipelines and other assets as required by code or regulation. We inject corrosion inhibitors into our mainlines to help control internal corrosion. External coatings and impressed current cathodic protection systems are used to protect against external corrosion. We conduct all cathodic protection work in accordance with National Association of Corrosion Engineers standards. We regularly monitor, test and record the effectiveness of these corrosion-inhibiting systems.

We monitor the structural integrity of selected segments of our pipeline systems through a program of periodic internal inspections using both dent pigs and electronic smart pigs, as well as hydrostatic testing that conforms to federal standards. We follow these inspections with a review of the data and we make repairs as necessary to ensure the integrity of the pipeline. We have initiated a risk-based approach to prioritizing the pipeline segments for future smart pig runs or other approved integrity testing methods. We believe this approach will ensure that the pipelines that have the greatest risk potential receive the highest priority in being scheduled for inspections or pressure tests for integrity. Our inspection process complies with all Department of Transportation ( DOT ) and Code of Federal Regulations ( CFR ) 49 CFR Part 195 requirements.

Maintenance facilities containing equipment for pipe repairs, spare parts, and trained response personnel are located along the pipelines. Employees participate in simulated spill deployment exercises on a regular basis. They also participate in actual spill response boom deployment exercises in planned spill scenarios in accordance with Oil Pollution Act of 1990 requirements. We believe that all of our pipelines have been constructed and are maintained in all material respects in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws; the regulations and standards prescribed by the American Petroleum Institute, the DOT; and accepted industry practice.

At our terminals, tanks designed for gasoline storage are equipped with internal or external floating roofs that minimize emissions and prevent potentially flammable vapor accumulation between fluid levels and the roof of the tank. Our terminal facilities have facility response plans, spill prevention and control plans, and other plans and programs to respond to emergencies.

Many of our terminal loading racks are protected with water deluge systems activated by either heat sensors or an emergency switch. Several of our terminals are also protected by foam systems that are activated in case of fire. All of our terminals are subject to participation in a comprehensive environmental management program to assure compliance with applicable air, solid waste, and wastewater regulations.

#### **COMPETITION**

As a result of our physical integration with Holly s Navajo, Woods Cross and Tulsa refineries, our contractual relationship with Holly under the Omnibus Agreement and the Holly pipelines and terminals, tankage and throughput agreements, we believe that we will not face significant competition for barrels of refined products transported from Holly s refineries, particularly during the terms of our long-term transportation agreements with Holly expiring in 2019 2025. Additionally, with our contractual relationship with Alon under the Alon PTA expiring in 2020, we believe that we will not face significant competition for those barrels of refined products we transport from Alon s Big Spring refinery.

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However, we do face competition from other pipelines that may be able to supply the end-user markets of Holly or Alon with refined products on a more competitive basis. Additionally, If Holly s wholesale customers reduced their purchases of refined products due to the increased availability of cheaper product from other suppliers or for other reasons, the volumes transported through our pipelines could be reduced, which, subject to the minimum revenue commitments, could cause a decrease in cash and revenues generated from our operations.

The petroleum refining business is highly competitive. Among Holly s competitors are some of the world s largest integrated petroleum companies, which have their own crude oil supplies and distribution and marketing systems. Holly competes with independent refiners as well. Competition in particular geographic areas is affected primarily by the amounts of refined products produced by refineries located in such areas and by the availability of refined products and the cost of transportation to such areas from refineries located outside those areas.

In addition, we face competition from trucks that deliver product in a number of areas we serve. Although their costs may not be competitive for longer hauls or large volume shipments, trucks compete effectively for incremental and marginal volumes in many areas we serve. The availability of truck transportation places some competitive constraints on us.

Historically, the significant majority of the throughput at our terminal facilities has come from Holly, with the exception of third-party receipts at the Spokane terminal, Alon volumes at El Paso, and the Abilene and Wichita Falls terminals that serve Alon s Big Springs refinery.

Our ten refined product terminals compete with other independent terminal operators as well as integrated oil companies on the basis of terminal location, price, versatility and services provided. Our competition primarily comes from integrated petroleum companies, refining and marketing companies, independent terminal companies and distribution companies with marketing and trading arms.

#### RATE REGULATION

Some of our existing pipelines are subject to rate regulation by the FERC under the Interstate Commerce Act. The Interstate Commerce Act requires that tariff rates for oil pipelines, a category that includes crude oil and petroleum product pipelines, be just and reasonable and non-discriminatory. The Interstate Commerce Act permits challenges to rates that are already on file and in effect by complaint. A successful challenge under a complaint may result in the complainant obtaining damages or reparations for up to two years prior to the date the complaint was filed. The Interstate Commerce Act also permits challenges to a proposed new or changed rate by a protest. A successful challenge under a protest may result in the protestant obtaining refunds or reparations from the date the proposed new or changed rate become effective. In either challenge process, the third party must be able to show it has a substantial economic interest in those rates to proceed. The FERC generally has not investigated interstate rates on its own initiative but will likely become a party to any proceedings when the rates receive either a complaint or a protest. However, the FERC is not prohibited from bringing an interstate rate under investigation without a third-party intervention.

While the FERC regulates the rates for interstate shipments on our refined product pipelines, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission regulates the rates for intrastate shipments in New Mexico, the Texas Railroad Commission regulates the rates for intrastate shipments in Texas, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission regulates the rates for intrastate shipments in Oklahoma and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission regulates the rates for intrastate shipments in Idaho. State commissions have generally not been aggressive in regulating common carrier pipelines and have generally not investigated the rates or practices of petroleum pipelines in the absence of shipper complaints, and we do not believe the intrastate tariffs now in effect are likely to be challenged. However, a state regulatory commission could investigate our rates if such a challenge were filed.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND REMEDIATION

Our operation of pipelines, terminals, and associated facilities in connection with the storage and transportation of refined products is subject to stringent and complex federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment. As with the industry generally, compliance with existing and anticipated laws and regulations increases our overall cost of business, including our capital costs to construct, maintain, and upgrade equipment and facilities. Although these laws and regulations affect our maintenance capital expenditures and net income, we believe that they do not affect our competitive position in that the operations of our competitors are similarly affected. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. However, these laws and regulations, and the interpretation or enforcement thereof, are subject to frequent change by regulatory authorities, and we are unable to predict the ongoing cost to us of complying with these laws and regulations or the future impact of these laws and regulations on our operations. Violation of environmental laws, regulations, and permits can result in the imposition of significant administrative, civil and criminal penalties, injunctions, and construction bans or delays. A discharge of hydrocarbons or hazardous substances into the environment could, to the extent the event is not insured, subject us to substantial expense, including both the cost to comply with applicable laws and regulations and claims made by employees, neighboring landowners and other third parties for personal injury and property damage.

Under the Omnibus Agreement, Holly agreed to indemnify us up to certain aggregate amounts for any environmental noncompliance and remediation liabilities associated with assets transferred to us and occurring or existing prior to the date of such transfers. The transfers that are covered by the agreement include the refined product pipelines, terminals and tanks transferred by Holly subsidiaries in connection with our initial public offering in July 2004, the intermediate pipelines acquired in July 2005, the crude pipelines and tankage assets acquired in 2008, and the asphalt loading rack facility acquired in March 2010. The Omnibus Agreement provides environmental indemnification of up to \$15 million for the assets transferred to us, other than the crude pipelines and tankage assets, plus an additional \$2.5 million for the intermediate pipelines acquired in July 2005. Except as described below, Holly sindemnification obligations described above will remain in effect for an asset for ten years following the date it is transferred to us. The Omnibus Agreement also provides an additional \$7.5 million of indemnification through 2023 for environmental noncompliance and remediation liabilities specific to the crude pipelines and tankage assets. Holly sindemnification obligations described above do not apply to (i) the Tulsa west loading racks acquired in August 2009, (ii) the 16-inch intermediate pipeline acquired in June 2009, (iii) the Roadrunner Pipeline, (iv) the Beeson Pipeline, (v) the logistics and storage assets acquired from Sinclair in December 2009, or (vi) the Tulsa east storage tanks and loading racks acquired in March 2010.

Under provisions of the Holly ETA and Holly PTTA, Holly will indemnify us for environmental liabilities arising from our pre-ownership operations of the Tulsa west loading rack facilities acquired from Holly in August 2009, the Tulsa logistics and storage assets acquired from Sinclair in December 2009 and the Tulsa east storage tanks and loading racks acquired from Holly in March 2010. Additionally, Holly agreed to indemnify us for any liabilities arising from Holly s operation of the loading racks under the Holly ETA.

We have an environmental agreement with Alon with respect to pre-closing environmental costs and liabilities relating to the pipelines and terminals acquired from Alon in 2005, under which Alon will indemnify us through 2015, subject to a \$100,000 deductible and a \$20 million maximum liability cap.

Contamination resulting from spills of refined products and crude oil is not unusual within the petroleum pipeline industry. Historic spills along our existing pipelines and terminals as a result of past operations have resulted in contamination of the environment, including soils and groundwater. Site conditions, including soils and groundwater, are being evaluated at a few of our properties where operations may have resulted in releases of hydrocarbons and other wastes, none of which we believe will have a significant effect on our operations since the remediation of such releases would be covered under environmental indemnification agreements.

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There are environmental remediation projects that are currently in progress that relate to certain assets acquired from Holly. Certain of these projects were underway prior to our purchase and represent liabilities of Holly Corporation as the obligation for future remediation activities was retained by Holly. Additionally, as of December 31, 2010, we have an accrual of \$0.3 million that relates to environmental clean-up projects for which we have assumed liability. The remaining projects, including assessment and monitoring activities, are covered under the Holly environmental indemnification discussed above and represent liabilities of Holly Corporation.

We may experience future releases into the environment from our pipelines and terminals or discover historical releases that were previously unidentified or not assessed. Although we maintain an extensive inspection and audit program designed, as applicable, to prevent, detect and address these releases promptly, damages and liabilities incurred due to any future environmental releases from our assets, nevertheless, have the potential to substantially affect our business.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

To carry out our operations, HLS employs 148 people who provide direct support to our operations. HLS considers its employee relations to be good. Neither we nor our general partner have employees. We reimburse Holly for direct expenses that Holly or its affiliates incurs on our behalf for the employees of HLS.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in us involves a degree of risk, including the risks described below. You should carefully consider the following risk factors together with all of the other information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the financial statements and related notes, when deciding to invest in us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations. If any of the following risks were to actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or treatment of unitholders could be materially and adversely affected.

The headings provided in this Item 1A. are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect or limit the extent or interpretation of the risk factors.

#### RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS

We depend upon Holly and particularly its Navajo refinery for a majority of our revenues; if those revenues were significantly reduced or if Holly s financial condition materially deteriorated, there would be a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, Holly accounted for 80% of the revenues of our petroleum product and crude pipelines and 83% of the revenues of our terminals and truck loading racks. We expect to continue to derive a majority of our revenues from Holly for the foreseeable future. If Holly satisfies only its minimum obligations under the long-term pipeline and terminal, tankage and throughput agreements that it has with us or is unable to meet its minimum annual payment commitment for any reason, including due to prolonged downtime or a shutdown at the Navajo, Woods Cross or Tulsa refineries, our revenues and cash flow would decline.

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Any significant curtailing of production at the Navajo refinery could, by reducing throughput in our pipelines and terminals, result in our realizing materially lower levels of revenues and cash flow for the duration of the shutdown. For the year ended December 31, 2010, production from the Navajo refinery accounted for 86% of the throughput volumes transported by our refined product and crude oil pipelines. The Navajo refinery also received 100% of the petroleum products shipped on our intermediate pipelines. Operations at the Navajo, Woods Cross or Tulsa refineries could be partially or completely shut down, temporarily or permanently, as the result of:

competition from other refineries and pipelines that may be able to supply the refinery s end-user markets on a more cost-effective basis:

operational problems such as catastrophic events at the refinery, labor difficulties or environmental proceedings or other litigation that compel the cessation of all or a portion of the operations at the refinery;

planned maintenance or capital projects;

increasingly stringent environmental laws and regulations, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency s gasoline and diesel sulfur control requirements that limit the concentration of sulfur in motor gasoline and diesel fuel for both on-road and non-road usage as well as various state and federal emission requirements that may affect the refinery itself and potential future climate change regulations;

an inability to obtain crude oil for the refinery at competitive prices; or

a general reduction in demand for refined products in the area due to:

a local or national recession or other adverse economic condition that results in lower spending by businesses and consumers on gasoline and diesel fuel;

higher gasoline prices due to higher crude oil costs, higher taxes or stricter environmental laws or regulations; or

a shift by consumers to more fuel-efficient or alternative fuel vehicles or an increase in fuel economy, whether as a result of technological advances by manufacturers, legislation either mandating or encouraging higher fuel economy or the use of alternative fuel or otherwise.

The magnitude of the effect on us of any shutdown would depend on the length of the shutdown and the extent of the refinery operations affected by the shutdown. We have no control over the factors that may lead to a shutdown or the measures Holly may take in response to a shutdown. Holly makes all decisions at the Navajo, Woods Cross and Tulsa refineries concerning levels of production, regulatory compliance, refinery turnarounds (planned shutdowns of individual process units within the refinery to perform major maintenance activities), labor relations, environmental remediation and capital expenditures; is responsible for all related costs; and is under no contractual obligation to us to maintain operations at its refineries.

Furthermore, Holly s obligations under the long-term pipeline and terminal, tankage and throughput agreements that it has with us would be temporarily suspended during the occurrence of a *force majeure* that renders performance impossible with respect to an asset for at least 30 days. If such an event were to continue for a year, we or Holly could terminate the agreements. The occurrence of any of these events could reduce our revenues and cash flows.

We depend on Alon and particularly its Big Spring refinery for a substantial portion of our revenues; if those revenues were significantly reduced, there would be a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, Alon accounted for 12% of the combined revenues of our petroleum product and crude oil pipelines and of our terminals and truck loading racks, including revenues we received from Alon under a capacity lease agreement.

A decline in production at Alon s Big Spring refinery would materially reduce the volume of refined products we transport and terminal for Alon and, as a result, our revenues would be materially adversely affected. The Big Spring

refinery could partially or completely shut down its operations, temporarily or permanently, due to factors affecting its ability to produce refined products or for planned maintenance or capital projects. Such factors would include the factors discussed above under the discussion of risk factors for the Navajo refinery.

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The magnitude of the effect on us of any shutdown depends on the length of the shutdown and the extent of the refinery operations affected. We have no control over the factors that may lead to a shutdown or the measures Alon may take in response to a shutdown. Alon makes all decisions and is responsible for all costs at the Big Spring refinery concerning levels of production, regulatory compliance, refinery turnarounds, labor relations, environmental remediation and capital expenditures.

In addition, under the Alon PTA, if we are unable to transport or terminal refined products that Alon is prepared to ship, then Alon has the right to reduce its minimum volume commitment to us during the period of interruption. If a *force majeure* event occurs beyond the control of either of us, we or Alon could terminate the Alon pipelines and terminals agreement after the expiration of certain time periods. The occurrence of any of these events could reduce our revenues and cash flows.

# Due to our lack of asset diversification, adverse developments in our businesses could materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

We rely exclusively on the revenues generated from our business. Due to our lack of asset diversification, an adverse development in our business could have a significantly greater impact on our financial condition and results of operations than if we maintained more diverse assets.

# Our leverage may limit our ability to borrow additional funds, comply with the terms of our indebtedness or capitalize on business opportunities.

As of December 31, 2010, the principal amount of our total outstanding debt was \$494 million. Our results of operations, cash flows and financial position could be adversely affected by significant increases in interest rates above current levels. Various limitations in our Amended Credit Agreement and the indentures for our 6.25% senior notes maturing March 1, 2015 and the 8.25% senior notes maturing March 15, 2018 (collectively, the Senior Notes) may reduce our ability to incur additional debt, to engage in some transactions and to capitalize on business opportunities. Any subsequent refinancing of our current indebtedness or any new indebtedness could have similar or greater restrictions.

Our leverage could have important consequences. We require substantial cash flow to meet our payment obligations with respect to our indebtedness. Our ability to make scheduled payments, to refinance our obligations with respect to our indebtedness or our ability to obtain additional financing in the future will depend on our financial and operating performance, which, in turn, is subject to prevailing economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors. We believe that we will have sufficient cash flow from operations and available borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement to service our indebtedness. However, a significant downturn in our business or other development adversely affecting our cash flow could materially impair our ability to service our indebtedness. If our cash flow and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to refinance all or a portion of our debt or sell assets. We cannot assure you that we would be able to refinance our existing indebtedness at maturity or otherwise or sell assets on terms that are commercially reasonable.

The instruments governing our debt contain restrictive covenants that may prevent us from engaging in certain beneficial transactions. The agreements governing our debt generally require us to comply with various affirmative and negative covenants including the maintenance of certain financial ratios and restrictions on incurring additional debt, entering into mergers, consolidations and sales of assets, making investments and granting liens. Additionally, our purchase and contribution agreements with Holly with respect to the intermediate pipelines and the crude pipelines and tankage assets restrict us from selling pipelines and terminals acquired from Holly and from prepaying borrowings and long-term debt to outstanding balances below \$35 million and \$171 million prior to 2015 and 2018, respectively, in each case subject to certain limited exceptions. Our leverage may adversely affect our ability to fund future working capital, capital expenditures and other general partnership requirements, future acquisitions, construction or development activities, or to otherwise fully realize the value of our assets and opportunities because of the need to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness or to comply with any restrictive terms of our indebtedness. Our leverage may also make our results of operations more susceptible to adverse economic and industry conditions by limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate and may place us at a competitive disadvantage as compared to our competitors that have less debt.

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### We may not be able to obtain funding on acceptable terms or at all because of volatility and uncertainty in the credit and capital markets. This may hinder or prevent us from meeting our future capital needs.

Although the domestic capital markets have shown signs of improvement in recent months, global financial markets and economic conditions have been, and continue to be, disrupted and volatile due to a variety of factors, including uncertainty in the financial services sector, low consumer confidence, continued high unemployment, geopolitical issues and the current weak economic conditions. In addition, the fixed-income markets have experienced periods of extreme volatility which have negatively impacted market liquidity conditions. As a result, the cost of raising money in the debt and equity capital markets has increased substantially at times while the availability of funds from those markets diminished significantly. In particular, as a result of concerns about the stability of financial markets generally and the solvency of lending counterparties specifically, the cost of obtaining money from the credit markets may increase as many lenders and institutional investors increase interest rates, enact tighter lending standards, refuse to refinance existing debt on similar terms or at all and reduce, or in some cases cease, to provide funding to borrowers. In addition, lending counterparties under existing revolving credit facilities and other debt instruments may be unwilling or unable to meet their funding obligations. Due to these factors, we cannot be certain that new debt or equity financing will be available on acceptable terms. If funding is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due. Moreover, without adequate funding, we may be unable to execute our growth strategy, complete future acquisitions or announced and future pipeline construction projects, take advantage of other business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

### We may not be able to fully execute our growth strategy if we encounter illiquid capital markets or increased competition for investment opportunities.

Our strategy contemplates growth through the development and acquisition of crude, intermediate and refined products transportation and storage assets while maintaining a strong balance sheet. This strategy includes constructing and acquiring additional assets and businesses to enhance our ability to compete effectively and diversifying our asset portfolio, thereby providing more stable cash flow. We regularly consider and enter into discussions regarding, and are currently contemplating and/or pursuing, potential joint ventures, stand alone projects or other transactions that we believe will present opportunities to realize synergies, expand our role in our chosen businesses and increase our market position.

We will require substantial new capital to finance the future development and acquisition of assets and businesses. Any limitations on our access to capital will impair our ability to execute this strategy. If the cost of such capital becomes too expensive, our ability to develop or acquire accretive assets will be limited. We may not be able to raise the necessary funds on satisfactory terms, if at all. The primary factors that influence our cost of equity include market conditions, fees we pay to underwriters and other offering costs, which include amounts we pay for legal and accounting services. The primary factors influencing our cost of borrowing include interest rates, credit spreads, covenants, underwriting or loan origination fees and similar charges we pay to lenders.

In addition, we are experiencing increased competition for the types of assets and businesses we have historically purchased or acquired. Increased competition for a limited pool of assets could result in our losing to other bidders more often or acquiring assets at less attractive prices. Either occurrence would limit our ability to fully execute our growth strategy. Our inability to execute our growth strategy may materially adversely affect our ability to maintain or pay higher distributions in the future.

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#### We are exposed to the credit risks, and certain other risks, of our key customers and vendors.

We are subject to risks of loss resulting from nonpayment or nonperformance by our customers. We derive a significant portion of our revenues from contracts with key customers, including Holly and Alon under their respective pipelines and terminals, tankage and throughput agreements. To the extent that these and other customers may be unable to meet the specifications of their customers, we would be adversely affected unless we were able to make comparably profitable arrangements with other customers.

Mergers among our existing customers could provide strong economic incentives for the combined entities to utilize systems other than ours, and we could experience difficulty in replacing lost volumes and revenues. Because a significant portion of our operating costs are fixed, a reduction in volumes would result not only in a reduction of revenues, but also a decline in net income and cash flow of a similar magnitude, which would reduce our ability to meet our financial obligations and make distributions to unitholders.

If any of our key customers default on their obligations to us, our financial results could be adversely affected. Furthermore, some of our customers may be highly leveraged and subject to their own operating and regulatory risks. In addition, nonperformance by vendors who have committed to provide us with products or services could result in higher costs or interfere with our ability to successfully conduct our business.

Any substantial increase in the nonpayment and/or nonperformance by our customers or vendors could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows.

# Competition from other pipelines that may be able to supply our shippers customers with refined products at a lower price could cause us to reduce our rates or could reduce our revenues.

We and our shippers could face increased competition if other pipelines are able to competitively supply our shippers end-user markets with refined products. The Longhorn Pipeline, owned by Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P., is an approximately 72,000 bpd common carrier pipeline that delivers refined products utilizing a direct route from the Texas Gulf Coast to El Paso and, through interconnections with third-party common carrier pipelines, into the Arizona market. Increased supplies of refined product delivered by the Longhorn Pipeline and Kinder Morgan s El Paso to Phoenix pipeline could result in additional downward pressure on wholesale refined product prices and refined product margins in El Paso and related markets. Additionally, further increases in products from Gulf Coast refiners entering the El Paso and Arizona markets on this pipeline and a resulting increase in the demand for shipping product on the interconnecting common carrier pipelines could cause a decline in the demand for refined product from Holly and/or Alon. This could reduce our opportunity to earn revenues from Holly and Alon in excess of their minimum volume commitment obligations.

An additional factor that could affect some of Holly s and Alon s markets is excess pipeline capacity from the West Coast into our shippers Arizona markets on the pipeline from the West Coast to Phoenix. Additional increases in shipments of refined products from the West Coast into our shippers Arizona markets could result in additional downward pressure on refined product prices that, if sustained over the long term, could influence product shipments by Holly and Alon to these markets.

# A material decrease in the supply, or a material increase in the price, of crude oil available to Holly s and Alon s refineries and a corresponding decrease in demand for refined products in the markets served by our pipelines and terminals, could materially reduce our revenues.

The volume of refined products we transport in our refined product pipelines depends on the level of production of refined products from Holly s and Alon s refineries, which, in turn, depends on the availability of attractively-priced crude oil produced in the areas accessible to those refineries. In order to maintain or increase production levels at their refineries, our shippers must continually contract for new crude oil supplies. A material decrease in crude oil production from the fields that supply their refineries, as a result of depressed commodity prices, decreased demand, lack of drilling activity, natural production declines or otherwise, could result in a decline in the volume of crude oil our shippers refine, absent the availability of transported crude oil to offset such declines. Such an event would result in an overall decline in volumes of refined products transported through our pipelines and therefore a corresponding reduction in our cash flow. In addition, the future growth of our shippers operations will depend in part upon whether our shippers can contract for additional supplies of crude oil at a greater rate than the rate of natural decline in their currently connected supplies.

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Fluctuations in crude oil prices can greatly affect production rates and investments by third parties in the development of new oil reserves. Drilling activity generally decreases as crude oil prices decrease. We and our shippers have no control over the level of drilling activity in the areas of operations, the amount of reserves underlying the wells and the rate at which production from a well will decline, or producers or their production decisions, which are affected by, among other things, prevailing and projected energy prices, demand for hydrocarbons, geological considerations, governmental regulation and the availability and cost of capital. Similarly, a material increase in the price of crude oil supplied to our shippers—refineries without an increase in the market value of the products produced by the refineries, either temporary or permanent, which caused a reduction in the production of refined products at the refineries, would cause a reduction in the volumes of refined products we transport, and our cash flow could be adversely affected.

Finally, our business depends in large part on the demand for the various petroleum products we gather, transport and store in the markets we serve. Reductions in that demand adversely affect our business. Market demand varies based upon the different end uses of the petroleum products we gather, transport and store. We cannot predict the impact of future fuel conservation measures, alternate fuel requirements, government regulation, technological advances in fuel economy and energy-generation devices, exploration and production activities, and actions by foreign nations, any of which could reduce the demand for the petroleum products in the areas we serve.

#### We may not be able to retain existing customers or acquire new customers.

The renewal or replacement of existing contracts with our customers at rates sufficient to maintain current revenues and cash flows depends on a number of factors outside our control, including competition from other pipelines and the demand for refined products in the markets that we serve. Alon s obligations to lease capacity on the Artesia-Orla-El Paso pipeline have remaining terms that expire beginning in 2012 through 2018. Our long-term pipeline and terminal, tankage and throughput agreements with Holly and Alon expire beginning in 2019 through 2024.

## Meeting the requirements of evolving environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including those related to climate change, could adversely affect our performance.

Environmental laws and regulations have raised operating costs for the oil and refined products industry and compliance with such laws and regulations may cause us, Holly and Alon to incur potentially material capital expenditures associated with the construction, maintenance, and upgrading of equipment and facilities. We may also be required to address conditions discovered in the future that require environmental response actions or remediation. Future environmental, health and safety requirements or changed interpretations of existing requirements, may impose more stringent requirements on our assets and operations and require us to incur potentially material expenditures to ensure our continued compliance. Future developments in federal laws and regulations governing environmental, health and safety and energy matters are especially difficult to predict.

Currently, various legislative and regulatory measures to address greenhouse gas emissions (including carbon dioxide, methane and other gases) are in various phases of discussion or implementation. These include requirements effective January 2010 that require Holly s and Alon s refineries to report emissions of greenhouse gases to the EPA beginning in 2011, and proposed federal, state, and regional initiatives that require, or could require, us, Holly and Alon to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our facilities. Requiring reductions in greenhouse gas emissions could cause us to incur substantial costs to (i) operate and maintain our facilities, (ii) install new emission controls at our facilities and (iii) administer and manage any greenhouse gas emissions programs, including the acquisition or maintenance of emission credits or allowances. These requirements may also adversely affect Holly s and Alon s refinery operations and have an indirect adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of our operations.

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Requiring a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and the increased use of renewable fuels could also decrease demand for refined products, which could have an indirect, but material, adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, in 2010, the EPA promulgated a rule establishing greenhouse gas emission standards for new-model passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles. Also in 2010, the EPA promulgated a rule establishing greenhouse gas emission thresholds for the permitting of certain stationary sources, which could require greenhouse emission controls for those sources. These requirements could have an indirect adverse effect on our business due to reduced demand for crude oil and refined products, and a direct adverse affect on our business from increased regulation of our facilities.

Changes in other forms of health and safety regulations are also being considered. New pipeline safety legislation requiring more stringent spill reporting and disclosure obligations has been introduced in the U.S. Congress and was recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. The Department of Transportation has also recently proposed legislation providing for more stringent oversight of pipelines and increased penalties for violations of safety rules, which is in addition to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration s announced intention to strengthen its rules. Such legislative and regulatory changes could have a material effect on our operations through more stringent and comprehensive safety regulations and higher penalties for the violation of those regulations.

# Significant physical effects of climate change have the potential to damage our facilities, disrupt our operations and cause us to incur significant costs in preparing for or responding to those effects.

Climate change could have an effect on the severity of weather (including hurricanes and floods), sea levels, the arability of farmland, and water availability and quality. If such effects were to occur, our operations could be adversely affected. Potential adverse effects could include damage to our facilities from severe weather such as powerful winds or rising waters in low-lying areas, disruption of our operations, either because of climate-related damage to our facilities or scale-backs in our operations due to the threat of such effects, and higher operating costs and less efficient or non-routine operating practices necessitated by potential climatic effects or in the aftermath of such effects. Significant physical effects of climate change could also affect us indirectly by disrupting the operations of our customers or by disrupting services or supplies provided by service companies or suppliers with whom we have a business relationship. We may not be able to recover through insurance some or any of the costs that may result from potential physical effects of climate change.

## We may be subject to information technology system failures, network disruptions and breaches in data security.

Information technology system failures, network disruptions (whether intentional by a third party or due to natural disaster), breaches of network or data security, or disruption or failure of the network system used to monitor and control pipeline operations could disrupt our operations by impeding our processing of transactions, our ability to protect customer or company information and our financial reporting. Our computer systems, including our back-up systems, could be damaged or interrupted by power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, internal or external security breaches, events such as fires, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, and/or errors by our employees. Although we have taken steps to address these concerns by implementing sophisticated network security and internal control measures, there can be no assurance that a system failure or data security breach will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# Our operations are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to product quality specifications, environmental protection and operational safety that could require us to make substantial expenditures.

Our pipelines and terminals, tankage and loading rack operations are subject to increasingly strict environmental and safety laws and regulations. Also, the transportation and storage of refined products produces a risk that refined products and other hydrocarbons may be suddenly or gradually released into the environment, potentially causing substantial expenditures for a response action, significant government penalties, liability to government agencies for natural resources damages, personal injury or property damages to private parties and significant business interruption. We own or lease a number of properties that have been used to store or distribute refined products for many years. Many of these properties have also been operated by third parties whose handling, disposal, or release of hydrocarbons and other wastes were not under our control. If we were to incur a significant liability pursuant to environmental laws or regulations, it could have a material adverse effect on us. We are also subject to the requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and comparable state statutes. Any violation of OSHA could impose substantial costs on us.

Petroleum products that we store and transport are sold by our customers for consumption into the public market. Various federal, state and local agencies have the authority to prescribe specific product quality specifications of refined products. Changes in product quality specifications or blending requirements could reduce our throughput volume, require us to incur additional handling costs or require capital expenditures. For example, different product specifications for different markets impact the fungibility of the products in our system and could require the construction of additional storage. If we are unable to recover these costs through increased revenues, our cash flows and ability to pay cash distributions could be adversely affected. In addition, changes in the product quality of the products we receive on our petroleum products pipeline system could reduce or eliminate our ability to blend products.

#### We may have additional maintenance costs in the future.

Our pipeline and storage assets are generally long-lived assets, and some of those assets have been in service for many years. The age and condition of these assets could result in increased maintenance or remediation expenditures. Any significant increase in these expenditures could adversely affect our results of operations, financial position or cash flows, as well as our ability to pay cash distributions. However, we maintain continuing monitoring programs and maintenance expenditures in an attempt to address such issues.

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

Our operations are subject to operational hazards and unforeseen interruptions such as natural disasters, adverse weather, accidents, fires, explosions, hazardous materials releases, mechanical failures and other events beyond our control. These events might result in a loss of equipment or life or destruction of property, injury, or extensive property damage, as well as a curtailment or interruption in our operations. In addition, third-party damage, mechanical malfunctions, undetected leaks in pipelines, faulty measurement or other errors may result in significant costs or lost revenues.

We may not be able to maintain or obtain insurance of the type and amount we desire at reasonable rates and exclusions from coverage may limit our ability to recover the amount of the full loss in all situations. As a result of market conditions, premiums and deductibles for certain of our insurance policies could increase. In some instances, certain insurance could become unavailable or available only for reduced amounts of coverage. If we were to incur a significant liability for which we were not fully insured, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial position. With our distribution policy, we do not have the same flexibility as other legal entities to accumulate cash to protect against underinsured or uninsured losses.

There can be no assurance that insurance will cover all damages and losses resulting from these types of hazards. We are not fully insured against all risks incident to our business. We are not insured against all environmental accidents that might occur, other than those considered to be sudden and accidental. Our business interruption insurance covers only certain lost revenues arising from physical damage to our facilities and Holly and Alon facilities. If a significant accident or event occurs that is not fully insured, our operations could be temporarily or permanently impaired, and

our liabilities and expenses could be significant.

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### Any reduction in the capacity of, or the allocations to, our shippers on interconnecting, third-party pipelines could cause a reduction of volumes transported in our pipelines and through our terminals.

Holly, Alon and the other users of our pipelines and terminals are dependent upon connections to third-party pipelines to receive and deliver crude oil and refined products. Any reduction of capacities of these interconnecting pipelines due to testing, line repair, reduced operating pressures, or other causes could result in reduced volumes transported in our pipelines or through our terminals. Similarly, if additional shippers begin transporting volumes of refined products over interconnecting pipelines, the allocations to existing shippers in these pipelines would be reduced, which could also reduce volumes transported in our pipelines or through our terminals.

# We could be subject to damages based on claims brought against us by our customers or lose customers as a result of the failure of our products to meet certain quality specifications.

A significant portion of our operating responsibility on refined product pipelines is to insure the quality and purity of the products loaded at our loading racks. If our quality control measures were to fail, off specification product could be sent out to public gasoline stations. This type of incident could result in liability claims regarding damages caused by the off specification fuel or could impact our ability to retain existing customers or to acquire new customers, any of which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and cash flows.

# If our assumptions concerning population growth are inaccurate or if Holly s growth strategy is not successful, our ability to grow may be adversely affected.

Our growth strategy is dependent upon:

the accuracy of our assumption that many of the markets that we currently serve or have plans to serve in the Southwestern, Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent regions of the United States will experience population growth that is higher than the national average; and

the willingness and ability of Holly to capture a share of this additional demand in its existing markets and to identify and penetrate new markets in the Southwestern, Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent regions of the United States.

If our assumptions about growth in market demand prove incorrect, Holly may not have any incentive to increase refinery capacity and production or shift additional throughput to our pipelines, which would adversely affect our growth strategy. Furthermore, Holly is under no obligation to pursue a growth strategy. If Holly chooses not to gain, or is unable to gain additional customers in new or existing markets in the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States, our growth strategy would be adversely affected. Moreover, Holly may not make acquisitions that would provide acquisition opportunities to us; or, if those opportunities arise, they may not be on terms attractive to us or on terms that allow us to obtain appropriate financing. Finally, Holly also will be subject to integration risks with respect to its Tulsa refining acquisitions and any new acquisitions it chooses to make.

### Growing our business by constructing new pipelines and terminals, or expanding existing ones, subjects us to construction risks.

One of the ways we may grow our business is through the construction of new pipelines and terminals or the expansion of existing ones. The construction of a new pipeline or the expansion of an existing pipeline, by adding horsepower or pump stations or by adding a second pipeline along an existing pipeline, involves numerous regulatory, environmental, political, and legal uncertainties, most of which are beyond our control. These projects may not be completed on schedule or at all or at the budgeted cost. In addition, our revenues may not increase immediately upon the expenditure of funds on a particular project. For instance, if we build a new pipeline, the construction will occur over an extended period of time and we will not receive any material increases in revenues until after completion of the project. Moreover, we may construct facilities to capture anticipated future growth in demand for refined products in a region in which such growth does not materialize. As a result, new facilities may not be able to attract enough throughput to achieve our expected investment return, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

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#### Rate regulation may not allow us to recover the full amount of increases in our costs.

The FERC regulates the tariff rates for interstate movements on our pipeline systems. The primary rate-making methodology of the FERC is price indexing. We use this methodology in all of our interstate markets. The indexing method allows a pipeline to increase its rates based on a percentage change in the producer price index for finished goods. If the index falls, we will be required to reduce our rates that are based on the FERC s price indexing methodology if they exceed the new maximum allowable rate. In addition, changes in the index might not be large enough to fully reflect actual increases in our costs. The FERC s rate-making methodologies may limit our ability to set rates based on our true costs or may delay the use of rates that reflect increased costs. Any of the foregoing would adversely affect our revenues and cash flow.

# If our interstate or intrastate tariff rates are successfully challenged, we could be required to reduce our tariff rates, which would reduce our revenues.

If a party with an economic interest were to file either a protest of our proposal for increased rates or a complaint against our existing tariff rates, or the FERC were to initiate an investigation of our existing rates, then our rates could be subject to detailed review. If our proposed rate increases were found to be in excess of levels justified by our cost of service, the FERC could order us to reduce our rates, and to refund the amount by which the rate increases were determined to be excessive, plus interest. If our existing rates were found to be in excess of our cost of services, we could be ordered to refund the excess we collected for as far back as two years prior to the date of the filing of the complaint challenging the rates, and we could be ordered to reduce our rates prospectively. In addition, a state commission could also investigate our intrastate rates or our terms and conditions of service on its own initiative or at the urging of a shipper or other interested party. If a state commission found that our rates exceeded levels justified by our cost of service, the state commission could order us to reduce our rates. Any such reductions may result in lower revenues and cash flows if additional volumes and / or capacity are unavailable to offset such rate reductions.

Holly and Alon have agreed not to challenge, or to cause others to challenge or assist others in challenging, our tariff rates in effect during the terms of their respective pipelines and terminals agreements. These agreements do not prevent other current or future shippers from challenging our tariff rates.

# Potential changes to current petroleum pipeline rate-making methods and procedures may impact the federal and state regulations under which we will operate in the future.

The regulatory agencies that regulate our systems periodically implement new rules, regulations and terms and conditions of services subject to their jurisdiction. New initiatives or orders may adversely affect the rates charged for our services. If the FERC s petroleum pipeline rate-making methodology changes, the new methodology could result in tariffs that generate lower revenues and cash flow. Furthermore, competition from other pipeline systems may prevent us from raising our tariff rates even if regulatory agencies permit us to do so.

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# The fees we charge to third parties under transportation and storage agreements may not escalate sufficiently to cover increases in our costs, and the agreements may not be renewed or may be suspended in some circumstances.

Our costs may increase at a rate greater than the rate that the fees we charge to third parties increase pursuant to our contracts with them. Furthermore, third parties may not renew their contracts with us. Additionally, some third parties obligations under their agreements with us may be permanently or temporarily reduced upon the occurrence of certain events, some of which are beyond our control, including force majeure events wherein the supply of crude oil or refined products is curtailed or cut off. Force majeure events include (but are not limited to) revolutions, wars, acts of enemies, embargoes, import or export restrictions, strikes, lockouts, fires, storms, floods, acts of God, explosions and mechanical or physical failures of our equipment or facilities or those of third parties. If the escalation of fees is insufficient to cover increased costs, if third parties do not renew or extend their contracts with us or if any third party suspends or terminates its contracts with us, our financial results would be negatively impacted.

# Terrorist attacks, and the threat of terrorist attacks or domestic vandalism, have resulted in increased costs to our business. Continued hostilities in the Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may adversely impact our results of operations.

The long-term impact of terrorist attacks, such as the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, and the threat of future terrorist attacks, on the energy transportation industry in general, and on us in particular, is not known at this time. Increased security measures taken by us as a precaution against possible terrorist attacks or vandalism have resulted in increased costs to our business. Uncertainty surrounding continued hostilities in the Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may affect our operations in unpredictable ways, including disruptions of crude oil supplies and markets for refined products, and the possibility that infrastructure facilities could be direct targets of, or indirect casualties of, an act of terror.

Changes in the insurance markets attributable to terrorist attacks could make certain types of insurance more difficult for us to obtain. Moreover, the insurance that may be available to us may be significantly more expensive than our existing insurance coverage. Instability in the financial markets as a result of terrorism or war could also affect our ability to raise capital including our ability to repay or refinance debt.

# Adverse changes in our credit ratings and risk profile, and that of our general partner, may negatively affect us.

Our ability to access capital markets is important to our ability to operate our business. Regional and national economic conditions, increased scrutiny of the energy industry and regulatory changes, as well as changes in our economic performance, could result in credit agencies reexamining our credit rating. While credit ratings reflect the opinions of the credit agencies issuing such ratings and may not necessarily reflect actual performance, a downgrade in our credit rating could restrict or discontinue our ability to access capital markets at attractive rates, and could result in an increase in our borrowing costs, a reduced level of capital expenditures and an impact on future earnings and cash flows.

We are in compliance with all covenants or other requirements set forth in the Amended Credit Agreement. Further, we do not have any rating downgrade triggers that would automatically accelerate the maturity dates of any debt. However, a downgrade in our credit rating could adversely affect our ability to borrow on, renew existing, or obtain access to new financing arrangements and would increase the cost of such financing arrangements.

The credit and business risk profiles of our general partner, and of Holly as the indirect owner of our general partner, may be factors in credit evaluations of us as a master limited partnership due to the significant influence of our general partner and its indirect owner over our business activities, including our cash distribution acquisition strategy and business risk profile. Another factor that may be considered is the financial condition of our general partner and its owners, including the degree of their financial leverage and their dependence on cash flow from the partnership to service their indebtedness.

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#### Alternative financing strategies may not be successful.

Periodically, we will consider the use of alternative financing strategies such as joint venture arrangements and the sale of non-strategic assets. Joint venture agreements may not share the risks and rewards of ownership in proportion to the voting interests. Joint venture arrangements may require us to pay certain costs or to make certain capital investments and we may have little control over the amount or the timing of these payments and investments. We may not be able to negotiate terms that adequately reimburse us for our costs to fulfill service obligations for those joint ventures where we are the operator. In addition, our joint venture partners may be unable to meet their economic or other obligations and we may be required to fulfill those obligations alone.

We may periodically sell assets or portions of our business. Separating the existing operations from our assets or operations of which we dispose may result in significant expense and accounting charges, disrupt our business or divert management s time and attention. We may not achieve expected cost savings from these dispositions or the proceeds from sales of assets or portions of our business may be lower than the net book value of the assets sold. We may not be relieved of all of our obligations related to the assets or businesses sold. These factors could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, income from operations, cash flows and our quarterly distribution on our common units.

# Ongoing maintenance of effective internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act could cause us to incur additional expenditures of time and financial resources.

We regularly document and test our internal control procedures in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting and a report by our independent registered public accounting firm on our controls over financial reporting. If, in the future, we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time; we may not be able to ensure that we can conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Failure to achieve and maintain an effective internal control environment could cause us to incur substantial expenditures of management time and financial resources to identify and correct any such failure.

# We may be unsuccessful in integrating the operations of the assets we have acquired or of any future acquisitions with our operations, and in realizing all or any part of the anticipated benefits of any such acquisitions.

From time to time, we evaluate and acquire assets and businesses that we believe complement our existing assets and businesses. For example, in 2010 we completed the Tulsa east/Lovington storage assets acquisition. Acquisitions may require substantial capital or the incurrence of substantial indebtedness. Our capitalization and results of operations may change significantly as a result of the acquisitions we recently completed or as a result of future acquisitions. Acquisitions and business expansions involve numerous risks, including difficulties in the assimilation of the assets and operations of the acquired businesses, inefficiencies and difficulties that arise because of unfamiliarity with new assets and the businesses associated with them and new geographic areas and the diversion of management s attention from other business concerns. Further, unexpected costs and challenges may arise whenever businesses with different operations or management are combined, and we may experience unanticipated delays in realizing the benefits of an acquisition, including the assets and businesses we acquired in 2010. Also, following an acquisition, we may discover previously unknown liabilities associated with the acquired business or assets for which we have no recourse under applicable indemnification provisions.

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If we are unable to complete capital projects at their expected costs or in a timely manner, or if the market conditions assumed in our project economics deteriorate, our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

Delays or cost increases related to capital spending programs involving construction of new facilities (or improvements and repairs to our existing facilities) could adversely affect our ability to achieve forecasted operating results. Although we evaluate and monitor each capital spending project and try to anticipate difficulties that may arise, such delays or cost increases may arise as a result of factors that are beyond our control, including:

denial or delay in issuing requisite regulatory approvals and/or permits;

unplanned increases in the cost of construction materials or labor;

disruptions in transportation of modular components and/or construction materials;

severe adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, or other events (such as equipment malfunctions explosions, fires, spills) affecting our facilities, or those of vendors and suppliers;

shortages of sufficiently skilled labor, or labor disagreements resulting in unplanned work stoppages;

market-related increases in a project s debt or equity financing costs; and/or

nonperformance by, or disputes with, vendors, suppliers, contractors, or sub-contractors involved with a project.

If we are unable to complete capital projects at their expected costs or in a timely manner our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

We do not own all of the land on which our pipeline systems and facilities are located. Our operations could be disrupted if we were to lose or were unable to renew existing rights-of-way.

We do not own all of the land on which our pipeline systems and facilities are located, and we are, therefore, subject to the risk of increased costs to maintain necessary land use. We obtain the right to construct and operate pipelines on land owned by third parties and government agencies for specified periods of time. If we were to lose these rights through an inability to renew right-of-way contracts or otherwise, we may be required to relocate our pipelines and our business could be adversely affected. Additionally, it may become more expensive for us to obtain new rights-of-way or to renew existing rights-of-way. If the cost of obtaining new rights-of-way or renewing existing rights-of-way increases, it may adversely affect our operations and cash flows available for distribution to unitholders.

Our business may suffer due to a change in the composition of our Board of Directors, or if any of our key senior executives or other key employees discontinues employment with us. Furthermore, a shortage of skilled labor or disruptions in our labor force may make it difficult for us to maintain labor productivity.

Our future success depends to a large extent on the services of our key senior executives and key senior employees. Our business depends on our continuing ability to recruit, train and retain highly qualified employees in all areas of our operations, including accounting, business operations, finance and other key back-office and mid-office personnel. The competition for these employees is intense, and the loss of these executives or employees could harm our business. If any of these executives or other key personnel resign or become unable to continue in their present roles and are not adequately replaced, our business operations could be materially adversely affected. We do not maintain any key man life insurance for any executives. Furthermore, our operations require skilled and experienced laborers with proficiency in multiple tasks.

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# In certain cases we have the right to be indemnified by third parties for environmental liabilities, and our results of operation and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders could be adversely affected if a third party fails to satisfy an indemnification obligation owed to us.

In connection with the pipelines, terminals and tanks transferred to us by Holly in connection with our initial public offering in 2004, the intermediate pipelines acquired in 2005, the crude pipelines and tankage assets acquired in 2008, the asphalt loading rack facility acquired in March 2010, and the refined product pipelines, tankage and terminals acquired from Alon in 2005, we have entered into environmental agreements with them pursuant to which they have agreed to indemnify us for certain pre-closing environmental liabilities discovered within specified time periods after the date of the applicable acquisition. These indemnities continue through 2014 for the assets contributed to us by Holly at our initial public offering, through 2015 for the intermediate pipelines acquired from Holly and the refined product pipelines, tankage and terminals acquired from Alon, and through 2023 for the crude pipelines and tankage assets acquired from Holly. Additionally, we have entered into agreements with Holly in connection with our acquisition of the Sinclair Logistics Assets and the Tulsa Loading Racks that provide that Holly will indemnify us for certain matters arising from the pre-closing ownership or operation of these assets, which indemnification obligations are not time limited. Other third parties are also obligated to indemnify us for ongoing remediation pursuant to separate indemnification obligations. Our results of operation and our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders could be adversely affected in the future if Holly, Alon, or other third parties fail to satisfy an indemnification obligation owed to us.

### Many of our executive officers face conflicts in the allocation of their time to our business.

Our general partner shares officers and administrative personnel with Holly to operate both our business and Holly s business. Our general partners officers, several of whom are also officers of Holly, will allocate the time they and the other employees of Holly spend on our behalf and on behalf of Holly. These officers face conflicts regarding the allocation of their and other employees time, which may adversely affect our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

#### RISKS TO COMMON UNITHOLDERS

# Holly and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests.

Currently, Holly indirectly owns the 2% general partner interest and a 32% limited partner interest in us and owns and controls the general partner of our general partner, HEP Logistics Holdings, L.P. Conflicts of interest may arise between Holly and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, the general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its other affiliates over our interests. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

Holly, as a shipper on our pipelines, has an economic incentive not to cause us to seek higher tariff rates or terminalling fees, even if such higher rates or terminalling fees would reflect rates that could be obtained in arm s-length, third-party transactions;

neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires Holly to pursue a business strategy that favors us or utilizes our assets, including whether to increase or decrease refinery production, whether to shut down or reconfigure a refinery, or what markets to pursue or grow. Holly s directors and officers have a fiduciary duty to make these decisions in the best interests of the stockholders of Holly;

our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as Holly, in resolving conflicts of interest;

our general partner determines which costs incurred by Holly and its affiliates are reimbursable by us;

our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf:

our general partner determines the amount and timing of our asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures and borrowings, each of which can affect the amount of cash available to us; and

our general partner controls the enforcement of obligations owed to us by our general partner and its affiliates, including the pipelines and terminals agreement with Holly.

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# Cost reimbursements, which will be determined by our general partner, and fees due our general partner and its affiliates for services provided, are substantial.

Under our Omnibus Agreement, we are currently obligated to pay Holly an administrative fee of \$2.3 million per year for the provision by Holly or its affiliates of various general and administrative services for our benefit. We can provide no assurance that Holly will continue to provide us the officers and employees that are necessary for the conduct of our business nor that such provision will be on terms that are acceptable to us. If Holly fails to provide us with adequate personnel, our operations could be adversely impacted.

The administrative fee is subject to annual review and may increase if we make an acquisition that requires an increase in the level of general and administrative services that we receive from Holly or its affiliates. Our general partner will determine the amount of general and administrative expenses that will be properly allocated to us in accordance with the terms of our partnership agreement. In addition, our general partner and its affiliates are entitled to reimbursement for all other expenses they incur on our behalf, including the salaries of and the cost of employee benefits for employees of Holly Logistic Services, L.L.C. who provide services to us. Prior to making any distribution on the common units, we will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates, including officers and directors of the general partner, for all expenses incurred on our behalf, plus the administrative fee. The reimbursement of expenses and the payment of fees could adversely affect our ability to make distributions. The general partner has sole discretion to determine the amount of these expenses. Our general partner and its affiliates also may provide us other services for which we are charged fees as determined by our general partner.

# Even if unitholders are dissatisfied, they cannot remove our general partner without its consent.

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management s decisions regarding our business. Unitholders did not elect our general partner or the board of directors of our general partner s general partner and have no right to elect our general partner or the board of directors of our general partner s general partner on an annual or other continuing basis. The board of directors of our general partner s general partner is chosen by the members of our general partner s general partner. Furthermore, if unitholders are dissatisfied with the performance of our general partner, they will have little ability to remove our general partner. As a result of these limitations, the price at which the common units trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price.

The vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of all outstanding units voting together as a single class is required to remove the general partner. Unitholders will be unable to remove the general partner without its consent because the general partner and its affiliates own sufficient units to prevent its removal. Unitholders—voting rights are further restricted by the partnership agreement provision providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than the general partner, its affiliates, their transferees, and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of the general partner—s general partner, cannot vote on any matter; however, no such person currently exists. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders—to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders—ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

# The control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without unitholder consent.

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of the unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the partners of our general partner from transferring their respective partnership interests in our general partner to a third party. The new partners of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of the general partner of our general partner with their own choices and to control the decisions taken by the board of directors and officers.

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# We may issue additional common units without unitholder approval, which would dilute an existing unitholder s ownership interests.

In August 2009, all of the conditions necessary to end the subordination period for the 7,000,000 subordinated units owned by our general partner were met and the units were converted into our common units on a one-for-one basis. In addition, under our partnership agreement, because the subordination period for this class of subordinated units has expired, provided there is no significant decrease in our operating performance, we may issue an unlimited number of limited partner interests of any type without the approval of our unitholders, and the Partnership currently has a shelf registration on file with the SEC pursuant to which it may issue up to \$860 million in additional common units.

The issuance by us of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

our unitholders proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;

the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;

because a lower percentage of total outstanding units will be subordinated units, the risk that a shortfall in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution will be borne by our common unitholders will increase;

the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished; and

the market price of the common units may decline.

Our partnership agreement does not give our unitholders the right to approve our issuance of equity securities ranking junior to the common units at any time.

# In establishing cash reserves, our general partner may reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders.

Our partnership agreement requires our general partner to deduct from operating surplus cash reserves that it establishes are necessary to fund our future operating expenditures. In addition, our partnership agreement permits our general partner to reduce available cash by establishing cash reserves for the proper conduct of our business, to comply with applicable law or agreements to which we are a party, or to provide funds for future distributions to partners. These cash reserves will affect the amount of cash available to make the required payments to our debt holders or to pay the minimum quarterly distribution on our common units every quarter.

# Holly and its affiliates may engage in limited competition with us.

Holly and its affiliates may engage in limited competition with us. Pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement among us, Holly and our general partner, Holly and its affiliates agreed not to engage in the business of operating intermediate or refined product pipelines or terminals, crude oil pipelines or terminals, truck racks or crude oil gathering systems in the continental United States. The Omnibus Agreement, however, does not apply to:

any business operated by Holly or any of its subsidiaries at the closing of our initial public offering;

any business or asset that Holly or any of it subsidiaries acquires or constructs that has a fair market value or construction cost of less than \$5 million; and

any business or asset that Holly or any of its subsidiaries acquires or constructs that has a fair market value or construction cost of \$5 million or more if we have been offered the opportunity to purchase the business or asset at fair market value, and we decline to do so.

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In the event that Holly or its affiliates no longer control our partnership or there is a change of control of Holly, the non-competition provisions of the Omnibus Agreement will terminate.

Our general partner may cause us to borrow funds in order to make cash distributions, even where the purpose or effect of the borrowing benefits our general partner or its affiliates.

In some instances, our general partner may cause us to borrow funds from affiliates of Holly or from third parties in order to permit the payment of cash distributions. These borrowings are permitted even if the purpose and effect of the borrowing is to enable us to make incentive distributions.

Our general partner has a limited call right that may require a unitholder to sell its common units at an undesirable time or price.

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units (which it does not presently), our general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, which it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price not less than their then-current market price. As a result, a holder of common units may be required to sell its units at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return on its investment. A common unitholder may also incur a tax liability upon a sale of its units.

A unitholder may not have limited liability if a court finds that unitholder actions constitute control of our business or that we have not complied with state partnership law.

Under Delaware law, a unitholder could be held liable for our obligations to the same extent as a general partner if a court determined that the right of unitholders to remove our general partner or to take other action under our partnership agreement constituted participation in the control of our business. Our general partner generally has unlimited liability for our obligations, such as our debts and environmental liabilities, except for those contractual obligations that are expressly made without recourse to our general partner.

In addition, Section 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act provides that under some circumstances, a unitholder may be liable to us for the amount of a distribution for a period of three years from the date of the distribution.

Further, we conduct business in a number of states. In some of those states the limitations on the liability of limited partners for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established. The unitholders might be held liable for the partnership s obligations as if they were a general partner if a court or government agency determined that we were conducting business in the state but had not complied with the state s partnership statute.

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#### TAX RISKS TO COMMON UNITHOLDERS

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes as well as our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) were to treat us as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or we were to become subject to additional amounts of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, then our cash available for distribution to unitholders would be substantially reduced.

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on us being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. As long as we qualify to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, we are not subject to federal income tax. Although a publicly-traded limited partnership is generally treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, a publicly-traded partnership such as us can qualify to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes so long as for each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income is derived from specified investments and activities. We believe that we qualify to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes because we believe that at least 90% of our gross income for each taxable year has been and is derived from such specified investments and activities. While we intend to meet this gross income requirement, regardless of our efforts we may not find it possible to meet, or may inadvertently fail to meet, this gross income requirement. If we do not meet this gross income requirement for any taxable year and the IRS does not determine that such failure was inadvertent, we would be treated as a corporation for such taxable year and each taxable year thereafter. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, a ruling from the IRS on this or any other tax matter affecting us.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate, which is currently a maximum of 35%. Under current law, distributions to unitholders would generally be taxed again as corporate distributions, and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available for distribution to unitholders would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

Current law may change so as to cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation, possibly on a retroactive basis. At the federal level, members of Congress have recently considered substantive changes to existing federal income tax laws that would affect the tax treatment of certain publicly traded partnerships. We are unable to predict whether any of these potential changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted into law. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units. At the state level, because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. Imposition of such a tax on us by Texas and, if applicable, by any other state will reduce the cash available for distribution to unitholders.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

If the IRS contests the federal income tax positions we take, the market for our common units may be adversely impacted and the cost of any IRS contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

Our partnership agreement allows remedial allocations of income, deduction, gain and loss by us to account for differences between the tax basis and fair market value of property at the time the property is contributed or deemed contributed to us and to account for differences between the fair market value and book basis of our assets existing at the time of issuance of any common units. If the IRS does not respect our remedial allocations, ratios of taxable income to cash distributions received by the holders of common units will be materially higher than previously estimated.

The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions we have taken or may take on tax matters. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions we take. A court may

not agree with some or all of the positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which they trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution.

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# Unitholders will be required to pay taxes on their share of our income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Because our unitholders will generally be treated as partners to whom we allocate taxable income, which could be different in amount than the cash we distribute, they will be required to pay any federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they receive no cash distributions from us. Unitholders may not receive cash distributions from us equal to their share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability resulting from that income.

# Tax gain or loss on the disposition of our common units could be more or less than expected.

If a unitholder disposes of common units, it will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and its tax basis in those common units. A unitholder s amount realized will be measured by the sum of the cash and the fair market value of other property, if any, received by the unitholder, plus its share of our nonrecourse liabilities. Because the amount realized will include the unitholder s share of our nonrecourse liabilities, the gain recognized by the unitholder on the sale of its units could result in a tax liability in excess of any cash it receives from the sale. Distributions in excess of a unitholder s allocable share of our net taxable income (excess distributions) decrease the unitholder s tax basis in its common units, which includes its share of nonrecourse liabilities. Such excess distributions with respect to the units sold become taxable income to the unitholder if it sells such units at a price greater than its tax basis in those units, even if the price the unitholder receives is less than its original cost. Moreover, a substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be taxed as ordinary income due to potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture.

# Tax-exempt entities and non-U.S. persons face unique tax issues from owning our common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

An investment in common units by tax-exempt entities, such as employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs), Keogh Plans and other retirement plans, regulated investment companies and non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, including IRAs and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Distributions to non-U.S. persons will be reduced by withholding taxes at the highest applicable effective tax rate, and non-U.S. persons will be required to file U.S. federal tax returns and pay tax on their share of our taxable income. Tax-exempt entities and non-U.S. persons should consult their tax adviser before investing in our common units.

# We treat each purchaser of common units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the actual common units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of common units and in order to maintain the uniformity of the economic and tax characteristics of our common units, we have adopted depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform to all aspects of existing treasury regulations. These positions may result in an understatement of deductions and losses and an overstatement of income and gain to our unitholders. For example, we do not amortize certain goodwill assets, the value of which has been attributed to certain of our outstanding common units. A subsequent holder of those common units is entitled to an amortization deduction attributable to that goodwill under Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b). However, because we cannot identify these common units once they are traded by the initial holder, we do not give any subsequent holder of a common unit any such amortization deduction. This approach may understate deductions available to those unitholders who own those common units and may result in those unitholders reporting that they have a higher tax basis in their units than would be the case if the IRS strictly applied treasury regulations relating to these depreciation or amortization adjustments. This, in turn, may result in those unitholders reporting less gain or more loss on a sale of their units than would be the case if the IRS strictly applied those treasury regulations.

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The IRS may challenge the manner in which we calculate our unitholder s basis adjustment under Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b). If so, because neither we nor a unitholder can identify the common units to which this issue relates once the initial holder has traded them, the IRS may assert adjustments to all unitholders selling common units within the period under audit as if all unitholders owned common units with respect to which allowable deductions were not taken. Any position we take that is inconsistent with applicable treasury regulations may have to be disclosed on our federal income tax return. This disclosure increases the likelihood that the IRS will challenge our positions and propose adjustments to some or all of our unitholders. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to a unitholder. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain from the sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audit adjustments to a unitholder s tax returns.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing treasury regulations. Recently, however, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS issued proposed Treasury Regulations that provide a safe harbor pursuant to which a publicly traded partnership may use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items. Nonetheless, the proposed regulations do not specifically authorize the use of the proration method we have adopted. If the IRS were to challenge our proration method or new treasury regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

A unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of those units. If so, it would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition.

Because a unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of the loaned units, such unitholder may no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan to the short seller and the unitholder may recognize gain or loss from such disposition. Moreover, during the period of the loan to the short seller, any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those units may not be reportable by the unitholder and any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units could be fully taxable as ordinary income. Unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing their units.

We may adopt certain valuation methodologies that may result in a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and the unitholders. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.

When we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions, we determine the fair market value of our assets and allocate any unrealized gain or loss attributable to our assets to the capital accounts of our unitholders and our general partner. Our methodology may be viewed as understating the value of our assets. In that case, there may be a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between certain unitholders and the general partner, which may be unfavorable to such unitholders. Moreover, under our valuation methods, subsequent purchasers of common units may have a greater portion of their Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment allocated to our tangible assets and a lesser portion allocated to our intangible assets. The IRS may challenge our valuation methods, or our allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to our tangible and intangible assets, and allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and certain of our unitholders.

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A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders—sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders—tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

# The reporting of partnership tax information is complicated and subject to audits.

We furnish each unitholder with a Schedule K-1 that sets forth the unitholder s share of our income, gains, losses and deductions. We cannot guarantee that these schedules will be prepared in a manner that conforms in all respects to statutory or regulatory requirements or to administrative pronouncements of the IRS. Further, our tax return may be audited, which could result in an audit of a unitholder s individual tax return and increased liabilities for taxes because of adjustments resulting from the audit.

# There are limits on the deductibility of our losses that may adversely affect our unitholders.

There are a number of limitations that may prevent unitholders from using their allocable share of our losses as a deduction against unrelated income. In cases when our unitholders are subject to the passive loss rules (generally, individuals and closely-held corporations), any losses generated by us will only be available to offset our future income and cannot be used to offset income from other activities, including other passive activities or investments. Unused losses may be deducted when the unitholder disposes of its entire investment in us in a fully taxable transaction with an unrelated party. A unitholder s share of our net passive income may be offset by unused losses from us carried over from prior years, but not by losses from other passive activities, including losses from other publicly traded partnerships. Other limitations that may further restrict the deductibility of our losses by a unitholder include the at-risk rules and the prohibition against loss allocations in excess of the unitholder s tax basis in its units.

# The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.

We will be considered to have terminated our partnership for federal income tax purposes if there are sales or exchanges which, in the aggregate, constitute 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For purposes of determining whether the 50% threshold has been met, multiple sales of the same interest will be counted only once. Our termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders, which would result in us filing two tax returns (and our unitholders may receive two Schedules K-1) for one fiscal year and may result in a significant deferral of depreciation deductions allowable in computing our taxable income. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than a fiscal year ending December 31, the closing of our taxable year may also result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in its taxable income for the year of termination. Our termination currently would not affect our classification as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, but instead, we would be treated as a new partnership for tax purposes. If treated as a new partnership for federal tax purposes, we must make new tax elections and could be subject to penalties if we are unable to determine that a termination occurred. The IRS has recently announced a relief procedure whereby if a publicly traded partnership that has technically terminated requests and the IRS grants special relief, among other things, the partnership may be permitted to provide only a single Schedule K-1 to unitholders for the tax years in which the termination occurs.

# Unitholders will likely be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements as a result of investing in our common units.

In addition to federal income taxes, unitholders will likely be subject to other taxes, such as state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance, or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property. Unitholders likely will be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these various jurisdictions. Further, unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We currently own property and conduct business in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Oklahoma and Washington. We may own property or conduct business in other states or foreign countries in the future. It is the unitholder s responsibility to file all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns.

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#### Unitholders may have negative tax consequences if we default on our debt or sell assets.

If we default on any of our debt, our lenders will have the right to sue us for non-payment. Such an action could cause an investment loss and cause negative tax consequences for unitholders through the realization of taxable income by unitholders without a corresponding cash distribution. Likewise, if we were to dispose of assets and realize a taxable gain while there is substantial debt outstanding and proceeds of the sale were applied to the debt, unitholders could have increased taxable income without a corresponding cash distribution.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

We do not have any unresolved SEC staff comments.

# Item 2. Properties

#### **PIPELINES**

Our refined product pipelines transport light refined products from Holly s Navajo refinery in New Mexico and Alon s Big Spring refinery in Texas to their customers in the metropolitan and rural areas of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma and northern Mexico. The refined products transported in these pipelines include conventional gasolines, federal, state and local specification reformulated gasoline, low-octane gasoline for oxygenate blending, distillates that include high- and low-sulfur diesel and jet fuel and LPGs (such as propane, butane and isobutane).

Our intermediate product pipelines consist of three parallel pipelines that originate at the Navajo refinery Lovington facilities and terminate at its Artesia facilities. These pipelines transport intermediate feedstocks and crude oil for Holly's refining operations in New Mexico.

Our crude pipelines consist of crude oil trunk, gathering and connection pipelines located in west Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma that deliver crude oil to the Navajo refinery and crude oil and refined product pipelines that support Holly s Woods Cross refinery.

Our pipelines are regularly inspected, are well maintained and we believe, are in good repair. Generally, other than as provided in the pipelines and terminal agreements with Holly and Alon, substantially all of our pipelines are unrestricted as to the direction in which product flows and the types of refined products that we can transport on them. The FERC regulates the transportation tariffs for interstate shipments on our refined product pipelines and state regulatory agencies regulate the transportation tariffs for intrastate shipments on our pipelines.

The following table details the average aggregate daily number of barrels of petroleum products transported on our pipelines in each of the periods set forth below for Holly and for third parties.

	Years Ended December 31,									
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006					
<b>Volumes transported for (bpd):</b>										
Holly	324,382	295,039	253,484	142,447	126,929					
Third parties <sup>(1)</sup>	38,910	43,709	22,756	46,511	47,551					
Total	363,292	338,748	276,240	188,958	174,480					
Total barrels in thousands ( mbbls <sup>1)</sup> )	132,602	123,643	101,104	68,970	63,685					

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<sup>(1)</sup> We sold our 70% interest in Rio Grande on December 1, 2009. Rio Grande volumes are excluded.

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The following table sets forth certain operating data for each of our crude oil and petroleum product pipelines. Throughput is the total average number of barrels per day transported on a pipeline, but does not aggregate barrels moved between different points on the same pipeline. Revenues reflect tariff revenues generated by barrels shipped from an origin to a delivery point on a pipeline. Revenues also include payments made by Alon under capacity lease arrangements on our Orla to El Paso pipeline. Under these arrangements, we provide space on our pipeline for the shipment of up to 17,500 barrels of refined product per day. Alon pays us whether or not it actually ships the full volumes of refined products it is entitled to ship. To the extent Alon does not use its capacity, we are entitled to use it. We calculate the capacity of our pipelines based on the throughput capacity for barrels of gasoline equivalent that may be transported in the existing configuration; in some cases, this includes the use of drag reducing agents.

Origin and Destination	Diameter (inches)	Approximate Length (miles)	Capacity (bpd)
Refined Product Pipelines:			
Artesia, NM to El Paso, TX	6	156	24,000
Artesia, NM to Orla, TX to El Paso, TX	8/12/8	214	$70,000_{(1)}$
Artesia, NM to Moriarty, NM <sup>(2)</sup>	12/8	215	45,000(3)
Moriarty, NM to Bloomfield, NM <sup>(2)</sup>	8	191	(3)
Big Spring, TX to Abilene, TX	6/8	105	20,000
Big Spring, TX to Wichita Falls, TX	6/8	227	23,000
Wichita Falls, TX to Duncan, OK	6	47	21,000
Midland, TX to Orla, TX	8/10	135	25,000
Artesia, NM to Roswell, NM	4	36	5,300
Woods Cross, UT	10/8	8	70,000
Tulsa, OK <sup>(4)</sup>			
Intermediate Product Pipelines:			
Lovington, NM to Artesia, NM	8	65	48,000
Lovington, NM to Artesia, NM	10	65	72,000
Lovington, NM to Artesia, NM	16	65	96,000
Crude Pipelines:			
Lovington / Artesia, New Mexico	Various	861	31,000
Roadrunner Pipeline	16	65	80,000
Beeson Pipeline	8	37	35,000
Woods Cross, Utah	12	4	40,000

- (1) Includes 17,500 bpd of capacity on the Orla to El Paso segment of this pipeline that is leased to Alon under capacity lease agreements.
- (2) The White Lakes Junction to Moriarty segment of our Artesia to Moriarty pipeline and the Moriarty to Bloomfield pipeline is leased from Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC (Mid-America) under a long-term lease agreement.
- (3) Capacity for this pipeline is reflected in the information for the Artesia to Moriarty pipeline.
- (4) Tulsa gasoline and diesel fuel connections to Magellan s pipeline of less than one mile. Holly shipped an aggregate of 71% of the petroleum products transported on our refined product pipelines and 100% of the petroleum products transported on our intermediate pipelines and crude oil pipelines in 2010. These pipelines

transported 93% of the light refined products produced by Holly s Navajo refinery in 2010.

# Artesia, New Mexico to El Paso, Texas

The Artesia to El Paso refined product pipeline is regulated by the FERC. It was constructed in 1959 and consists of 156 miles of 6-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used primarily for the shipment of refined products produced at the Navajo refinery to our El Paso terminal, where we deliver to common carrier pipelines for transportation to Arizona, northern New Mexico and northern Mexico and to the terminal s tank farm for truck rack loading for local delivery by tanker truck. Refined products produced at the Navajo refinery destined for El Paso are transported on either this pipeline or our Artesia to Orla to El Paso pipeline.

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#### Artesia, New Mexico to Orla, Texas to El Paso, Texas

The Artesia to Orla to El Paso refined product pipeline is a common-carrier pipeline regulated by the FERC and consists of three segments:

an 8-inch, 10-mile and a 12-inch, 72-mile segment from the Navajo refinery to Orla, Texas;

a 12-inch, 124-mile segment from Orla to outside El Paso, Texas; and

an 8-inch, 8-mile segment from outside El Paso to our El Paso terminal.

There are two shippers on this pipeline, Holly and Alon. As mentioned above, refined products destined to our El Paso terminal are delivered to common carrier pipelines for transportation to Arizona, northern New Mexico and northern Mexico and to the terminal struck rack for local delivery by tanker truck.

# Artesia, New Mexico to Moriarty, New Mexico

The Artesia to Moriarty refined product pipeline consists of a 60-mile, 12-inch pipeline from the Navajo refinery Artesia facility to White Lakes Junction, New Mexico that was constructed in 1999, and approximately 155 miles of 8-inch pipeline that was constructed in 1973 and extends from White Lakes Junction to our Moriarty terminal, where it also connects to our Moriarty to Bloomfield pipeline. We own the 12-inch pipeline from Artesia to White Lakes Junction. We lease the White Lakes Junction to Moriarty segment of this pipeline and the Moriarty to Bloomfield pipeline described below, from Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC under a long-term lease agreement entered into in 1996, which expires in 2017 and has two ten-year extensions at our option. At our Moriarty terminal, volumes shipped on this pipeline can be transported to other markets in the area, including Albuquerque, Santa Fe and west Texas, via tanker truck. The 155-mile White Lakes Junction to Moriarty segment of this pipeline is operated by Mid-America (or its designee). Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline. We currently pay a monthly fee (which is subject to adjustments based on changes in the PPI) of \$520,000 to Mid-America to lease the White Lakes Junction to Moriarty and Moriarty to Bloomfield pipelines.

# Moriarty, New Mexico to Bloomfield, New Mexico

The Moriarty to Bloomfield refined product pipeline was constructed in 1973 and consists of 191 miles of 8-inch pipeline leased from Mid-America. This pipeline serves our terminal in Bloomfield. At our Bloomfield terminal, volumes shipped on this pipeline are transported to other markets in the Four Corners area via tanker truck. This pipeline is operated by Mid-America (or its designee). Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# Big Spring, Texas to Abilene, Texas

The Big Spring to Abilene refined product pipeline was constructed in 1957 and consists of 100 miles of 6-inch pipeline and 5 miles of 8-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used for the shipment of refined products produced at the Big Spring refinery to the Abilene terminal. Alon is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# Big Spring, Texas to Wichita Falls, Texas

Segments of the Big Spring to Wichita Falls refined product pipeline were constructed in 1969 and 1989, and consist of 95 miles of 6-inch pipeline and 132 miles of 8-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used for the shipment of refined products produced at the Big Spring refinery to the Wichita Falls terminal. Alon is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# Wichita Falls, Texas to Duncan, Oklahoma

The Wichita Falls to Duncan refined product pipeline is a common carrier and is regulated by the FERC. It was constructed in 1958 and consists of 47 miles of 6-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used for the shipment of refined products from the Wichita Falls terminal to Alon s Duncan terminal, which we do not own. Alon is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# Midland, Texas to Orla, Texas

Segments of the Midland to Orla refined product pipeline were constructed in 1928 and 1998, and consist of 50 miles of 10-inch pipeline and 85 miles of 8-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used for the shipment of refined products produced at the Big Spring refinery from Midland to our tank farm at Orla. Alon is the only shipper on this pipeline.

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#### Artesia, New Mexico to Roswell, New Mexico

The 36-mile, 4-inch diameter Artesia to Roswell refined product pipeline delivers jet fuel only to tanks located at our jet fuel terminal in Roswell. Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline.

### Woods Cross, Utah refined product pipelines

The Woods Cross refined product pipelines consist of three pipeline segments. The Woods Cross to Pioneer terminal segment consists of 2 miles of 8-inch pipeline which is used for product shipments to and through the Pioneer terminal. The Woods Cross to Pioneer segment represents 2 miles of 10-inch pipeline that is also used for product shipments to and through the Pioneer terminal. The Woods Cross to Chevron Pipeline s Salt Lake Products Pipeline segment consists of 4 miles of 8-inch pipeline and is used for product shipments from Holly s Woods Cross refinery to Chevron s North Salt Lake pumping station. Holly is the only shipper on these pipelines.

# 8 Pipeline from Lovington, New Mexico to Artesia, New Mexico

The 65-mile, 8-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 1981. This pipeline is used for the shipment of intermediate feedstocks, crude oil and LPGs from the Navajo refinery Lovington facility to its Artesia facility. Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline.

### 10 Pipeline from Lovington, New Mexico to Artesia, New Mexico

The 65-mile, 10-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 1999. This pipeline is used for the shipment of intermediate feedstocks and crude oil from the Navajo refinery Lovington facility to its Artesia facility. Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# 16 Pipeline from Lovington, New Mexico to Artesia, New Mexico

The 65-mile, 16-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 2009. This pipeline is used for the shipment of intermediate feedstocks and crude oil from the Navajo refinery Lovington facility to its Artesia facility. Holly is the only shipper on this pipeline.

# Lovington / Artesia, New Mexico crude oil pipelines

The crude oil gathering and trunk pipelines deliver crude oil to Holly s Navajo refinery and consist of 850 miles of 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch diameter pipeline. The crude oil trunk pipelines consist of five pipeline segments that deliver crude oil to the Navajo refinery Lovington facility and seven pipeline segments that deliver crude oil to the Navajo refinery Artesia facility.

The Lovington system crude oil mainlines include five pipeline segments consisting of a 23-mile, 12-inch pipeline from Russell to Lovington, a 20-mile, 8-inch pipeline from Russell to Hobbs, an 11-mile, 6-inch and 8-inch pipeline from Crouch to Lovington, a 20-mile, 8-inch pipeline from Hobbs to Lovington and a 6-mile, 6-inch pipeline from Gaines to Hobbs.

The Artesia system crude oil mainlines include seven pipeline segments consisting of an 11-mile, 6-inch pipeline from Beeson to North Artesia, a 7-mile, 4-inch and 6-inch pipeline from Barnsdall to North Artesia, a 2-mile, 8-inch pipeline from the Barnsdall jumper line to Lovington, a 4-mile, 4-inch pipeline from the Artesia Station to North Artesia, a 6-mile, 8-inch pipeline from North Artesia to Evans Junction and a 1-mile, 6-inch pipeline from Abo to Evans Junction.

We operate a 12-mile, 8-inch pipeline from Evans Junction to Artesia, New Mexico that supplies natural gas to the Navajo refinery Artesia facility.

# Roadrunner Pipeline

The Roadrunner crude oil pipeline connects the Navajo refinery Lovington facility to a west Texas terminal of the Centurion Pipeline that extends to Cushing, Oklahoma. It was constructed in 2009 and consists of 65 miles of 16-inch pipeline. This pipeline is used for the shipment of crude oil from Cushing to the Navajo refinery Lovington facility.

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#### Beeson Pipeline

The Beeson crude oil pipeline delivers crude oil to the Navajo refinery Lovington facility. It was constructed in 2009 and consists of 37 miles of 8-inch pipeline. This pipeline ships crude oil from our crude oil gathering system to the Navajo refinery Lovington facility for processing.

# Woods Cross, Utah crude oil pipeline

This 4-mile, 12-inch pipeline is used for the shipment of crude oil from Chevron Pipeline s North Salt Lake City station to the Woods Cross refinery.

# REFINED PRODUCT TERMINALS, LOADING RACKS AND REFINERY TANKAGE

# Refined Product Terminals and Loading Racks

Our refined product terminals receive products from pipelines connected to Holly s Navajo and Woods Cross refineries and Alon s Big Spring refinery. We then distribute them to Holly and third parties, who in turn deliver them to end-users and retail outlets. Our terminals are generally complementary to our pipeline assets and serve Holly s and Alon s marketing activities. Terminals play a key role in moving product to the end-user market by providing the following services:

distribution;

blending to achieve specified grades of gasoline;

other ancillary services that include the injection of additives and filtering of jet fuel; and

storage and inventory management.

Typically, our refined product terminal facilities consist of multiple storage tanks and are equipped with automated truck loading equipment that operates 24 hours a day. This automated system provides for control of security, allocations, and credit and carrier certification by remote input of data by our customers. In addition, nearly all of our terminals are equipped with truck loading racks capable of providing automated blending to individual customer specifications.

Our refined product terminals derive most of their revenues from terminalling fees paid by customers. We charge a fee for transferring refined products from the terminal to trucks or to pipelines connected to the terminal. In addition to terminalling fees, we generate revenues by charging our customers fees for blending, injecting additives, and filtering jet fuel. Holly currently accounts for the substantial majority of our refined product terminal revenues.

The table below sets forth the total average throughput for our refined product terminals in each of the periods presented:

	Years Ended December 31,								
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006				
Refined products terminalled for (bpd):									
Holly	178,903	114,431	109,539	119,910	118,202				
Third parties	39,568	42,206	32,737	45,457	43,285				
Total	218,471	156,637	142,276	165,367	161,487				
Total (mbbls)	79,742	57,173	52,073	60,344	58,943				

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The following table outlines the locations of our terminals and their storage capacities, number of tanks, supply source, and mode of delivery:

	Storage Capacity	Number of	Supply	
<b>Terminal Location</b>	(barrels)	Tanks	Source	<b>Mode of Delivery</b>
El Paso, TX	747,000	20	Pipeline/ rail	Truck/Pipeline
Moriarty, NM	189,000	9	Pipeline	Truck
Bloomfield, NM	193,000	7	Pipeline	Truck
Tucson, AZ <sup>(1)</sup>	176,000	9	Pipeline	Truck
Mountain Home, ID <sup>(2)</sup>	120,000	3	Pipeline	Pipeline
Boise, ID <sup>(3)</sup>	111,000	9	Pipeline	Pipeline
Burley, ID <sup>(3)</sup>	70,000	7	Pipeline	Truck
Spokane, WA	333,000	32	Pipeline/Rail	Truck
Abilene, TX	127,000	5	Pipeline	Truck/Pipeline
Wichita Falls, TX	220,000	11	Pipeline	Truck/Pipeline
Roswell, NM <sup>(2)</sup>	25,000	1	Pipeline	Truck
Orla tank farm	135,000	5	Pipeline	Pipeline
Artesia facility truck rack	N/A	N/A	Refinery	Truck
Lovington facility asphalt truck rack	N/A	N/A	Refinery	Truck
Woods Cross facility truck rack	N/A	N/A	Refinery	Truck/Pipeline
Tulsa west facility truck and rail rack	N/A	N/A	Refinery	Truck/Rail/Pipeline
Tulsa east facility truck and rail racks	25,000	N/A	Refinery	Truck/Rail/Pipeline
Total	2,471,000			

- (1) The underlying ground at the Tucson terminal is leased.
- (2) Handles only jet fuel.
- (3) We have a 50% ownership interest in these terminals. The capacity and throughput information represents the proportionate share of capacity and throughput attributable to our ownership interest.

#### El Paso Terminal

We receive light refined products at this terminal from the Navajo refinery Artesia facility through our Artesia to El Paso and Artesia to Orla to El Paso pipelines and by rail that account for 93% of the volumes at this terminal. We also receive product from the Big Spring refinery that accounted for 7% of the volumes at this terminal in 2010. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally via the truck rack or transported to our Tucson terminal and other terminals in Phoenix on Kinder Morgan s East System pipeline. Competition in this market includes a refinery and terminal owned by Western Refining, Inc., a joint venture pipeline and terminal owned by ConocoPhillips and NuStar Energy, L.P. (NuStar) and a terminal connected to the Longhorn Pipeline.

### **Moriarty Terminal**

We receive light refined products at this terminal from the Navajo refinery Artesia facility through our pipelines. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally, via the truck rack; Holly is our only customer at this terminal. There are no competing terminals in Moriarty.

#### **Bloomfield Terminal**

We receive light refined products at this terminal from the Navajo refinery Artesia facility through our pipelines. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally, via the truck rack; Holly is our only customer at this

#### terminal.

### **Tucson Terminal**

We own 100% of the improvements and lease the underlying ground at this terminal. The Tucson terminal receives light refined products from Kinder Morgan s East System pipeline, which transports refined products from the Navajo refinery Artesia facility that it receives at our El Paso terminal. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally, via the truck rack. Competition in this market includes terminals owned by Kinder Morgan.

### Mountain Home Terminal

We receive jet fuel from third parties at this terminal that is transported on Chevron s Salt Lake City to Boise, Idaho pipeline. We then transport the jet fuel from the Mountain Home terminal through our 13-mile, 4-inch pipeline to the United States Air Force base outside of Mountain Home. Our pipeline associated with this terminal is the only pipeline that supplies jet fuel to the air base. We are paid a single fee, from the Defense Energy Support Center, for injecting, storing, testing and transporting jet fuel at this terminal.

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#### **Boise Terminal**

We and Sinclair Transportation Company (Sinclair Transportation) each own a 50% interest in the Boise terminal. Sinclair Transportation is the operator of the terminal. The Boise terminal receives light refined products from Holly and Sinclair shipped through Chevron spipeline originating in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Woods Cross refinery, as well as other refineries in the Salt Lake City area, and Pioneer Pipeline Co. sterminal in Salt Lake City are connected to the Chevron pipeline. All loading of products out of the Boise terminal is conducted at Chevron sloading rack, which is connected to the Boise terminal by pipeline. Holly and Sinclair are the only customers at this terminal.

# **Burley Terminal**

We and Sinclair Transportation each own a 50% interest in the Burley terminal. Sinclair Transportation is the operator of the terminal. The Burley terminal receives product from Holly and Sinclair shipped through Chevron s pipeline originating in Salt Lake City, Utah. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally, via the truck rack. Holly and Sinclair are the only customers at this terminal.

# Spokane Terminal

This terminal is connected to the Woods Cross refinery via a Chevron common carrier pipeline. The Spokane terminal also is supplied by Chevron and Yellowstone pipelines and by rail and truck. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally, via the truck rack. We have several major customers at this terminal. Other terminals in the Spokane area include terminals owned by ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips.

#### Abilene Terminal

This terminal receives refined products from the Big Spring refinery, which accounted for all of its volumes in 2010. Refined products received at this terminal are sold locally via a truck rack or pumped over a 2-mile pipeline to Dyess Air Force Base. Alon is the only customer at this terminal.

#### Wichita Falls Terminal

This terminal receives refined products from the Big Spring refinery, which accounted for all of its volumes in 2010. Refined products received at this terminal are sold via a truck rack or shipped via pipeline connections to Alon s terminal in Duncan, Oklahoma and also to NuStar s Southlake Pipeline. Alon is the only customer at this terminal.

#### Roswell Terminal

This terminal receives jet fuel from the Navajo refinery, which accounted for all of its volumes in 2010, for further transport to Cannon Air Force Base and to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We lease this terminal under an agreement that expires in September 2011.

#### Orla Tank Farm

The Orla tank farm was constructed in 1998. It receives refined products from the Big Spring refinery that accounted for all of its volumes in 2010. Refined products received at the tank farm are delivered into our Orla to El Paso pipeline. Alon is the only customer at this tank farm.

#### Artesia Facility Truck Rack

The truck rack at the Navajo refinery Artesia facility loads light refined products, produced at the facility, onto tanker trucks for delivery to markets in the surrounding area. Holly is the only customer of this truck rack.

# Lovington Facility Asphalt Truck Rack

The asphalt loading rack facility at the Lovington Refinery loads asphalt produced at the Lovington facility onto tanker trucks. Holly is the only customer of this truck rack.

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#### Woods Cross Facility Truck Rack

The truck rack at the Woods Cross facility loads light refined products produced at the refinery onto tanker trucks for delivery to markets in the surrounding area. Holly is the only customer of this truck rack. Holly also makes transfers to a common carrier pipeline at this facility.

### Tulsa Facilities Truck and Rail Racks

The Tulsa truck and rail loading rack facilities consist of loading racks located at Holly s Tulsa refinery west and east facilities. Loading racks at the Tulsa refinery west facility consist of rail racks that load refined products and lube oil produced at the refinery onto rail car and a truck rack that loads lube oil onto tanker trucks. Loading racks at the Tulsa refinery east facility consist of truck and rail racks at which we load refined products and off load crude. The truck racks also load asphalt and LPG.

# Refinery Tankage

Our refinery tankage consists of on-site tankage at Holly s Navajo, Woods Cross and Tulsa refineries. Our refinery tankage derives its revenues from fixed fees or throughput charges in providing Holly s refining facilities with approximately 4,000,000 barrels of storage.

The following table outlines the locations of our refinery tankage, storage capacity, tankage type and number of tanks:

	Storage Capacity		Number of
Refinery Location	(barrels)	Tankage Type	Tanks
Artesia, NM	166,000	Crude oil	2
Lovington, NM	267,000	Crude oil	2
Woods Cross, UT	180,000	Crude oil	3
Tulsa, OK	3,485,000	Crude oil and refined product	59
Total	4,098,000		

### TRUCK FLEET

We have a truck fleet consisting of 7 trucks and 13 trailers that transport crude oil to Holly s Wood Cross refinery. Our trucking operations are conducted in Utah only, and Holly is our only customer.

# PIPELINE AND TERMINAL CONTROL OPERATIONS

All of our pipelines are operated via geosynchronous satellite, microwave, radio and frame relay communication systems from our central control room located in Artesia, New Mexico. We also monitor activity at our terminals from this control room.

The control center operates with state-of-the-art System Control and Data Acquisition, or SCADA, systems. Our control center is equipped with computer systems designed to continuously monitor operational data, including refined product and crude oil throughput, flow rates, and pressures. In addition, the control center monitors alarms and throughput balances. The control center operates remote pumps, motors, engines, and valves associated with the delivery of refined products and crude oil. The computer systems are designed to enhance leak-detection capabilities, sound automatic alarms if operational conditions outside of pre-established parameters occur, and provide for remote-controlled shutdown of pump stations on the pipelines. Pump stations and meter-measurement points on the pipelines are linked by satellite or telephone communication systems for remote monitoring and control, which reduces our requirement for full-time on-site personnel at most of these locations.

# **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are a party to various legal and regulatory proceedings, which we believe will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

# Item 4. (Removed and Reserved)

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#### **PART II**

# Item 5. Market for the Registrant s Common Units, Related Unitholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Common Units

Our common limited partner units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HEP. The following table sets forth the range of the daily high and low sales prices per common unit, cash distributions to common unitholders and the trading volume of common units for the period indicated.

						Cash	Trading
Years Ended December 31,	]	High		Low		${f ibutions^{(1)}}$	Volume
2010							
Fourth quarter	\$	53.74	\$	49.16	\$	0.845	2,530,800
Third quarter	\$	52.16	\$	42.17	\$	0.835	4,120,000
Second quarter	\$	48.17	\$	38.41	\$	0.825	4,945,100
First quarter	\$	44.95	\$	38.21	\$	0.815	4,583,200
2009							
Fourth quarter	\$	41.65	\$	35.21	\$	0.805	5,548,600
Third quarter	\$	40.05	\$	31.30	\$	0.795	2,296,400
Second quarter	\$	33.29	\$	23.19	\$	0.785	5,544,700
First quarter	\$	30.43	\$	20.96	\$	0.775	2,632,700

(1) Represents cash distributions attributable to each of the quarters in the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. Distributions are declared and paid within 45 days following the close of each quarter.

The cash distribution for the fourth quarter of 2010 was declared on January 26, 2011 and is payable on February 14, 2011 to all unitholders of record on February 7, 2011.

As of February 8, 2011, we had approximately 10,300 common unitholders, including beneficial owners of common units held in street name.

We consider cash distributions to unitholders on a quarterly basis, although there is no assurance as to the future cash distributions since they are dependent upon future earnings, cash flows, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors. Our revolving credit facility prohibits us from making cash distributions if any potential default or event of default, as defined in our Amended Credit Agreement, occurs or would result from the cash distribution. The indenture relating to our 6.25% and 8.25% Senior Notes prohibits us from making cash distributions under certain circumstances.

Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. The amount of available cash generally is all cash on hand at the end of the quarter: less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to provide for the proper conduct of our business; comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments, or other agreements; or provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters; plus all cash on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from working capital borrowings made after the end of the quarter. Working capital borrowings are generally borrowings that are made under our revolving credit facility and in all cases are used solely for working capital purposes or to pay distributions to partners.

We make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter in the following manner: 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to any arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units for any prior quarters, thereafter. Cash in excess of the minimum quarterly distributions is distributed to the unitholders and the general partner based on the percentages below.

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The general partner, HEP Logistics Holdings, L.P., is entitled to incentive distributions if the amount we distribute with respect to any quarter exceeds specified target levels shown below:

<b>Marginal Percentage Interest</b>
in

	III						
	Total Quarterly Distribution	Distrib	utions				
			General				
	Target Amount	Unitholders	Partner				
Minimum quarterly distribution	\$0.50	98%	2%				
First target distribution	Up to \$0.55	98%	2%				
	above \$0.55 up to						
Second target distribution	\$0.625	85%	15%				
	above \$0.625 up to						
Third target distribution	\$0.75	75%	25%				
Thereafter	Above \$0.75	50%	50%				

In May 2010, all of the conditions necessary to end the subordination period for the 937,500 Class B subordinated units originally issued to Alon were met and the units were converted into our common units on a one-for-one basis.

# Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table shows selected financial information for HEP. This table should be read in conjunction with Item 7, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements of HEP and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

	2010	Years Ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 (In thousands, except per unit data)								
Statement Of Income Data:										
Revenues Operating costs and expenses	\$ 182,097	\$	146,561	\$	108,822	\$	96,190	\$	80,794	
Operations	52,947		44,003		38,920		30,467		26,966	
Depreciation and amortization	30,682		26,714		21,937		12,920		12,833	
General and administrative	7,719		7,586		6,380		4,914		4,849	
	91,348		78,303		67,237		48,301		44,648	
Operating income	90,749		68,258		41,585		47,889		36,146	
Equity in earnings of SLC Pipeline SLC Pipeline acquisition costs	2,393		1,919 (2,500)							
Interest income	7		11		118		454		899	
Interest expense	(34,001)		(21,501)		(21,763)		(13,289)		(13,056)	
Gain on sale of assets	177		(7		36		298			
Other income	17		67		990					
	(31,584)		(22,004)		(20,619)		(12,537)		(12,157)	
Income from continuing operations										
before income taxes	59,165		46,254		20,966		35,352		23,989	
State income tax	(296)		(20)		(270)		(200)			
Income from continuing operations	58,869		46,234		20,696		35,152		23,989	
Income from discontinued operations, net of noncontrolling interest <sup>(1)</sup>			19,780		4,671		4,119		3,554	
Net income Less general partner interest in net	58,869		66,014		25,367		39,271		27,543	
income, including incentive distributions <sup>(2)</sup>	12,152		7,947		3,913		3,166		1,858	
Limited partners interest in net income	\$ 46,717	\$	58,067	\$	21,454	\$	36,105	\$	25,685	
	\$ 2.12	\$	3.18	\$	1.32	\$	2.24	\$	1.59	

Limited partners per unit interest in net income basic and diluted)

Distributions per limited partner unit	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.16	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.835	\$ 2.635
Other Financial Data:					
EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 123,841	\$ 100,707	\$ 70,195	\$ 66,684	\$ 55,030
Distributable cash flow <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 91,054	\$ 72,213	\$ 60,365	\$ 51,012	\$ 47,219
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 103,168	\$ 68,195	\$ 63,651	\$ 59,056	\$ 45,853
Cash flows from investing activities	\$ (60,629)	\$ (147,379)	\$ (213,267)	\$ (9,632)	\$ (9,107)
Cash flows from financing activities	\$ (44,644)	\$ 76,423	\$ 144,564	\$ (50,658)	\$ (45,774)
Maintenance capital expenditures <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 4,487	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,133	\$ 1,863	\$ 1,095
Expansion capital expenditures	56,142	150,149	210,170	8,094	8,012
Total capital expenditures	\$ 60,629	\$ 153,744	\$ 213,303	\$ 9,957	\$ 9,107
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):					
Net property, plant and equipment	\$ 434,950	\$ 398,044	\$ 257,886	\$ 125,384	\$ 127,357
Total assets	\$ 643,273	\$ 616,845	\$ 439,688	\$ 238,904	\$ 245,771
Long-term debt <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 491,648	\$ 390,827	\$ 355,793	\$ 181,435	\$ 180,660
Total liabilities	\$ 533,901	\$ 422,981	\$ 431,568	\$ 200,348	\$ 198,582
Total equity <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 109,372	\$ 193,864	\$ 8,120	\$ 38,556	\$ 47,189

<sup>(1)</sup> On December 1, 2009, we sold our 70% interest in Rio Grande. Results of operations of Rio Grande and the \$14.5 million gain on the sale are presented in discontinued operations.

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- (2) Net income is allocated between limited partners and the general partner interest in accordance with the provisions of the partnership agreement. Net income allocated to the general partner includes incentive distributions declared subsequent to quarter end. Net income attributable to the limited partners is divided by the weighted average limited partner units outstanding in computing the limited partners per unit interest in net income.
- (3) Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) is calculated as net income plus (i) interest expense net of interest income, (ii) state income tax and (iii) depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a calculation based upon U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, the amounts included in the EBITDA calculation are derived from amounts included in our consolidated financial statements, with the exception of EBITDA from discontinued operations. EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income or operating income, as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. EBITDA is presented here because it is a widely used financial indicator used by investors and analysts to measure performance. EBITDA is also used by our management for internal analysis and as a basis for compliance with financial covenants.

Set forth below is our calculation of EBITDA.

	2010	2009	ded Decembe 2008 thousands)	r 31, 2007	2006
Income from continuing operations	\$ 58,869	\$ 46,234	\$ 20,696 \$	35,152	\$ 23,989
Add (subtract):					
Interest expense	30,453	20,620	18,479	12,281	12,088
Amortization of discount and deferred debt					
issuance costs	1,008	706	1,002	1,008	968
Increase in interest expense change in fair					
value of interest rate swaps and swap					
settlement costs	2,540	175	2,282		
Interest income	(7)	(11)	(118)	(454)	(899)
State income tax	296	20	270	200	
Depreciation and amortization	30,682	26,714	21,937	12,920	12,833
EBITDA from discontinued operations					
(excludes gain on sale of Rio Grande in 2009)		6,249	5,647	5,577	6,051
EBITDA	\$ 123,841	\$ 100,707	\$ 70,195 \$	66,684	\$ 55,030

(4) Distributable cash flow is not a calculation based upon GAAP. However, the amounts included in the calculation are derived from amounts separately presented in our consolidated financial statements, with the exception of equity in excess cash flows over earnings of SLC Pipeline, maintenance capital expenditures and distributable cash flow from discontinued operations. Distributable cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income or operating income as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Distributable cash flow is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Distributable cash flow is presented here because it is a widely accepted

financial indicator used by investors to compare partnership performance. It also is used by management for internal analysis and for our performance units. We believe that this measure provides investors an enhanced perspective of the operating performance of our assets and the cash our business is generating.

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Set forth below is our calculation of distributable cash flow.

	Years Ended December 31,									
		2010		2009	(In t	2008 thousands)		2007		2006
Income from continuing operations	\$	58,869	\$	46,234	\$	20,696	\$	35,152	\$	23,989
Add (subtract):										

Add (subtract):