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FORM 10-Q

ýQUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2018 OR oTRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Commission File Number 001-35700

Diamondback Energy, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant As Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	45-4502447
(State or Other Jurisdiction of	(IRS Employer
Incorporation or Organization)	Identification Number)

500 West Texas, Suite 120079701Midland, Texas(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)(432) 221-7400(Registrant Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes \circ No "

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

Non-Accelerated Filer o Smaller Reporting Company o

Emerging Growth Company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No ý As of November 2, 2018, 101,257,911 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

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GLOSSARY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS TERMS

	OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS TERMS
The following	is a glossary of certain oil and gas terms that are used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this
"report"):	
Basin	A large depression on the earth's surface in which sediments accumulate.
DII	Stock tank barrel, or 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in this report in reference to crude oil or
Bbl	other liquid hydrocarbons.
	Barrels of oil equivalent, with six thousand cubic feet of natural gas being equivalent to one barrel of
BOE	oil.
BOE/d	BOE per day.
British	
Thermal Unit	The quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.
or Btu	
	The process of treating a drilled well followed by the installation of permanent equipment for the
Completion	production of natural gas or oil, or in the case of a dry hole, the reporting of abandonment to the
	appropriate agency.
Crude oil	Liquid hydrocarbons retrieved from geological structures underground to be refined into fuel sources.
Finding and	
development	Capital costs incurred in the acquisition, exploitation and exploration of proved oil and natural gas
costs	reserves divided by proved reserve additions and revisions to proved reserves.
Gross acres or	
	The total acres or wells, as the case may be, in which a working interest is owned.
gross wells	
Horizontal	A drilling technique used in certain formations where a well is drilled vertically to a certain depth and
drilling	then drilled at a right angle with a specified interval.
Horizontal	Wells drilled directionally horizontal to allow for development of structures not reachable through
wells	traditional vertical drilling mechanisms.
Mb/d	Thousand barrels per day.
Mcf	Thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
Mineral	The interests in ownership of the resource and mineral rights, giving an owner the right to profit from
interests	the extracted resources.
MMBtu	Million British Thermal Units.
wells	^{et} The sum of the fractional working interest owned in gross acres.
	¹ Tracts of land consisting of properties to be developed for oil and natural gas resource extraction.
gas properties	
Plugging and	Refers to the sealing off of fluids in the strata penetrated by a well so that the fluids from one stratum
abandonment	will not escape into another or to the surface. Regulations of all states require plugging of abandoned
	wells.
	A specific geographic area which, based on supporting geological, geophysical or other data and also
Prospect	preliminary economic analysis using reasonably anticipated prices and costs, is deemed to have
	potential for the discovery of commercial hydrocarbons.
	The estimated quantities of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering
Proved	data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be commercially recoverable in future years from known
reserves	reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.
Reserves	The estimated remaining quantities of oil and natural gas and related substances anticipated to be
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	economically producible, as of a given date, by application of development projects to known
	accumulations. In addition, there must exist, or there must be a reasonable expectation that there will
	exist, the legal right to produce or a revenue interest in the production, installed means of delivering
	oil and natural gas or related substances to the market and all permits and financing required to
	implement the project. Reserves are not assigned to adjacent reservoirs isolated by major, potentially

	sealing, faults until those reservoirs are penetrated and evaluated as economically producible. Reserves
	should not be assigned to areas that are clearly separated from a known accumulation by a
	non-productive reservoir (i.e., absence of reservoir, structurally low reservoir or negative test results).
	Such areas may contain prospective resources (i.e., potentially recoverable resources from
	undiscovered accumulations).
	A porous and permeable underground formation containing a natural accumulation of producible
Reservoir	natural gas and/or oil that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is separate from other
	reservoirs.
Royalty	An interest that gives an owner the right to receive a portion of the resources or revenues without
interest	having to carry any costs of development.
Spacing	The distance between wells producing from the same reservoir. Spacing is often expressed in terms of
Spacing	acres (e.g., 40-acre spacing) and is often established by regulatory agencies.
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Working interest has gives the owner the right to drill, produce and conduct operating activities on the property and receive a share of production and requires the owner to pay a share of the costs of drilling and production operations.

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GLOSSARY OF CERTAIN OTHER TERMS

The following is	a glossary of certain other terms that are used in this report.
Company	Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
Equity Plan	The Company's Equity Incentive Plan.
Exchange Act	The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
GAAP	Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.
General Partner	Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the General Partner of the Partnership.
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange.
Partnership	Viper Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership.
Partnership	The first amended and restated agreement of limited partnership, dated June 23, 2014, entered into
Agreement	by the General Partner and Diamondback in connection with the closing of the Viper Offering.
Operating	Viper Energy Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a subsidiary of the
Company	Partnership.
SEC	United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
Securities Act	The Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
2024 Senior	The Company's 4.750% senior unsecured notes due 2024 in the aggregate principal amount of \$500
Notes	million.
2025 Senior	The Company's 5.375% senior unsecured notes due 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$500
Notes	million.
Senior Notes	The 2024 Senior Notes and the 2025 Senior Notes.
Viper LTIP	Viper Energy Partners LP Long Term Incentive Plan.
Viper Offering	The Partnerships' initial public offering.
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Various statements contained in this report that express a belief, expectation, or intention, or that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words "could," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "may," "continue," "predict," "potential," "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. In particular, the factors discussed in this report and detailed under Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10–K for the year ended December 31, 2017 could affect our actual results and cause our actual results to differ materially from expectations, estimates or assumptions expressed, forecasted or implied in such forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements may include statements about our:

business strategy;

exploration and development drilling prospects, inventories, projects and programs;

oil and natural gas reserves;

acquisitions, including our recent acquisition of certain leasehold acres and other assets from Ajax Resources, LLC and our pending acquisition of Energen Corporation discussed elsewhere in this report;

identified drilling locations;

ability to obtain permits and governmental approvals;

technology;

financial strategy;

realized oil and natural gas prices;

production;

• lease operating expenses, general and administrative costs and finding and development costs;

future operating results; and

plans, objectives, expectations and intentions.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report or, if earlier, as of the date they were made. We do not intend to, and disclaim any obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements unless required by securities laws. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Moreover, we operate in a very

competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-looking statements we make in this report are reasonable, we can give no assurance that these plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved or occur, and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

<u>Table of Contents</u> Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2018 (In thousand values and s	31, 2017 ds, except par
Assets		
Current assets:	¢ 500 446	¢110.446
Cash and cash equivalents	\$508,446	\$112,446
Accounts receivable:	01.055	72.020
Joint interest and other	81,955	73,038
Oil and natural gas sales	182,362	158,575
Inventories	14,815	9,108
Derivative instruments	 0 111	531
Prepaid expenses and other Total current assets	8,111 795,689	4,903 358,601
	795,089	558,001
Property and equipment: Oil and natural gas properties, full cost method of accounting (\$4,283,629 and \$4,105,865		
excluded from amortization at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively)	10,818,378	9,232,694
Midstream assets	355,758	191,519
Other property, equipment and land	85,882	80,776
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment)(2,161,372)
Net property and equipment	8,714,606	7,343,617
Funds held in escrow	62,034	6,304
Deferred tax asset	95,551	
Investment in real estate, net	106,834	
Other assets	31,859	62,463
Total assets		\$7,770,985
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	+,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	+ ,,, , , ,,, ,, ,,
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable-trade	\$85,869	\$94,590
Accrued capital expenditures	292,700	221,256
Other accrued liabilities	143,792	92,512
Revenues and royalties payable	75,600	68,703
Derivative instruments	123,826	100,367
Total current liabilities	721,787	577,428
Long-term debt	2,332,359	1,477,347
Derivative instruments	5,931	6,303
Asset retirement obligations	23,897	20,122
Deferred income taxes	292,795	108,048
Other long-term liabilities	7	
Total liabilities	3,376,776	2,189,248
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)		
Stockholders' equity:		
	987	982

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 98,673,563 issued and outstanding at September 30, 2018; 98,167,289 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) Total Diamondback Energy, Inc. stockholders' equity Non-controlling interest Total equity Total liabilities and equity See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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<u>Table of Contents</u> Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 2017		Nine Month September 2018	
			per share an	
Revenues:	(III thouse	inus, except	per share an	iounts)
Oil sales	\$454.644	\$259,049	\$1,334,349	\$704.007
Natural gas sales	14,814	14,922	40,557	37,537
Natural gas liquid sales	57,610	25,266	133,858	57,625
Lease bonus	1,322	322	2,250	2,507
Midstream services	7,280	1,694	26,658	4,241
Other operating income	2,359	_	6,825	
Total revenues	538,029	301,253	1,544,497	805,917
Costs and expenses:				
Lease operating expenses	49,111	32,498	129,103	88,113
Production and ad valorem taxes	33,536	18,371	93,042	49,975
Gathering and transportation	6,976	3,476	18,074	9,110
Midstream services	19,725	4,445	48,515	7,127
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	146,318	87,579	391,401	221,681
General and administrative expenses (including non-cash equity-based				
compensation, net of capitalized amounts, of \$5,350 and \$6,187 for the				
three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and	14,185	11,888	45,039	37,524
\$18,451 and \$19,418 for the nine months ended September 30, 2018				
and 2017, respectively)				
Asset retirement obligation accretion	387	357	1,107	1,030
Other operating expense	940		2,416	
Total costs and expenses	271,178	158,614	728,697	414,560
Income from operations	266,851	142,639	815,800	391,357
Other income (expense):	(10 5 40	× /0 100 ×	(10.015	
Interest expense, net)(29,662)
Other income, net	1,962	3	89,170	9,472
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments, net)(50,645))20,376
Gain (loss) on revaluation of investment	(199)—) (50.924 —)	5,165	<u> </u>
Total other income (expense), net			· ·)186
Income before income taxes	201,693		721,485	391,543
Provision for income taxes Net income	42,276	857	82,750	4,393
	159,417	81,948	638,735	387,150
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	2,363	8,924 \$72,024	99,723 \$ 520,012	19,448
Net income attributable to Diamondback Energy, Inc.	\$157,054	\$73,024	\$539,012	\$367,702
Earnings per common share:	\$1.50	\$0.74	\$ 5 17	\$3.81
Basic Diluted	\$1.59 \$1.59	\$0.74 \$0.74	\$5.47 \$5.45	\$3.81
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Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic	98,638	98,144	98,603	96,491
Diluted	98,818 98,818	98,144 98,369	98,003 98,820	90,491 96,752
Diffued	70,010	70,307	70,020	70,132

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Dividends declared per share		\$0.125	\$—	\$0.375	\$—

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)

	Comm Stock Shares		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulat Deficit)	Non-Controll edInterest	ling Total
Balance December 31, 2016		ousands) 1\$ 901) \$4,215,955	\$ (519,394)\$ 320,830	\$4,018,292
Net proceeds from issuance of common units -				-	260.906	260.806
Viper Energy Partners LP			_		369,896	369,896
Unit-based compensation					2,039	2,039
Common units issued for acquisition			—		3,050	3,050
Stock-based compensation			23,790			23,790
Distribution to non-controlling interest					(27,640) (27,640)
Common shares issued in public offering, net of offering costs			14		—	14
Common shares issued for acquisition	7,686	77	809,096			809,173
Exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units	337	4	355	_	_	359
Net income			_	367,702	19,448	387,150
Balance September 30, 2017	98,167	7\$ 982	\$5,049,210	\$ (151,692) \$ 687,623	\$5,586,123
Balance December 31, 2017	98,167	7\$ 982	\$5,291,011	\$ (37,133) \$ 326,877	\$5,581,737
Impact of adoption of ASU 2016-01, net of tax				(9,393) (6,671) (16,064)
Net proceeds from issuance of common units - Viper Energy Partners LP			_		303,137	303,137
Unit-based compensation					2,166	2,166
Stock-based compensation			23,613			23,613
Distribution to non-controlling interest					(68,801) (68,801)
Dividend paid				(24,656)—	(24,656)
Exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units	506	5	(5)—	140	140
Change in ownership of consolidated subsidiaries, net			149,923	_	(160,133) (10,210)
Net income			_	539,012	99,723	638,735
Balance September 30, 2018	98,674	1\$ 987	\$5,464,542	\$467,830	\$ 496,438	\$6,429,797

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

<u>Table of Contents</u> Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Mor 2018	nths Ended Septen	nber 30,	2017	
	(In thousa	ands)			
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	\$	638,735		\$	387,150
provided by operating activities:					
Provision for deferred income taxes	81,573			3,313	
Asset retirement obligation accretion	1,107			1,030	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	^d 391,401			221,681	
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,291			2,828	
Change in fair value of derivative instruments	23,618			(9,365	
Income from equity investment	_			(309	
Gain on revaluation of investment	(5,165)		
Equity-based compensation expense	ⁿ 18,451			19,418	
Loss (gain) on sale of assets, net	3,071			(386	
Changes in operating asset and liabilities:	S				
Accounts receivable Accounts receivable-relate	(21,611 d)	(23,422	
party	<u> </u>			283	
Restricted cash			`	500	
Inventories Prepaid expenses and other	(14,196 r (5 813)	(2,700 (9,242	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18,383)	18,305	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities-related party	_			(2	
Accrued interest Income tax payable	12,663 311			(1,738 1,017	
Revenues and royalties payable	6,897			29,657	

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Net cash provided by operating activities Cash flows from investing activities:	1,151,716		638,018	
Additions to oil and natural gas properties	(1,010,325)	(531,489)
Additions to midstream assets	(129,820)	(22,491)
Purchase of other property, equipment and land	(2,049)	(21,534)
Acquisition of leasehold interests	(185,658)	(1,892,864)
Acquisition of mineral interests	(335,574)	(370,855)
Acquisition of midstream assets	_		(50,279)
Proceeds from sale of assets	6,771		3,584	
Investment in real estate	(110,654)	_	
Funds held in escrow	(51,045)	121,391	
Equity investments	(604)	(188)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,818,958)	(2,764,725)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from borrowings under credit facility	1,027,500		533,000	
Repayment under credit facility	(1,221,500)	(383,500)
Proceeds from senior notes	1,062,000			
Debt issuance costs	(14,578)	(1,714)
Public offering costs	(2,636)	(510)
Proceeds from public offerings	305,773		370,344	
Proceeds from exercise of unit options	140		_	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	_		358	
Dividends to stockholders	(24,656)	_	
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Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Continued (Unaudited)

	Nine Mor Septembe	ths Ended r 30,
	2018	2017
Distributions to non-controlling interest Net cash provided by financing activities Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,063,242 396,000	(1,636,369) 1,666,574
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Interest paid, net of capitalized interest Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions:	\$51,658	\$28,702
Change in accrued capital expenditures Capitalized stock-based compensation Common stock issued for oil and natural gas properties Asset retirement obligations acquired	\$71,444 \$7,328 \$— \$270	\$129,105 \$6,411 \$809,173 \$2,411

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

<u>Table of Contents</u> Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization and Description of the Business

Diamondback Energy, Inc. ("Diamondback" or the "Company"), together with its subsidiaries, is an independent oil and gas company currently focused on the acquisition, development, exploration and exploitation of unconventional, onshore oil and natural gas reserves in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Diamondback was incorporated in Delaware on December 30, 2011.

The wholly-owned subsidiaries of Diamondback, as of September 30, 2018, include Diamondback E&P LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Diamondback O&G LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Rattler Midstream LLC (formerly known as White Fang Energy LLC), a Delaware limited liability company, and Tall City Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Tall City Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The consolidated subsidiaries include these wholly-owned subsidiaries as well as Viper Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), and the Partnership's wholly-owned subsidiary Viper Energy Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Operating Company").

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries after all significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

The Partnership is consolidated in the financial statements of the Company. As of September 30, 2018, the Company owned approximately 59% of the Partnership's total units outstanding. The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, is the General Partner of the Partnership.

These financial statements have been prepared by the Company without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. They reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results for interim periods, on a basis consistent with the annual audited financial statements. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Certain information, accounting policies and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. This Quarterly Report on Form 10–Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10–K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which contains a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies and other disclosures.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

Certain amounts included in or affecting the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures must be estimated by management, requiring certain assumptions to be made with respect to values or conditions that cannot be known with certainty at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts the Company reports for assets and liabilities and the Company's disclosure of

contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis, using historical experience, consultation with experts and other methods the Company considers reasonable in the particular circumstances. Nevertheless, actual results may differ significantly from the Company's estimates. Any effects on the Company's business, financial position or results of operations resulting from revisions to these estimates are recorded in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves and related present value estimates of future net cash flows therefrom, the carrying value of oil and natural gas properties, asset retirement obligations, the fair value determination of acquired assets and liabilities assumed, equity-based compensation, fair value estimates of commodity derivatives and estimates of income taxes.

Investments

The Partnership has an equity interest in a limited partnership that is so minor that the Partnership has no influence over the limited partnership's operating and financial policies. This interest was acquired during the year ended December 31, 2014 and is accounted for under the cost method. Effective January 1, 2018, the Partnership adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-01 which requires the Partnership to measure this investment at fair value which resulted in a downward adjustment of \$18.7 million to record the impact of this adoption. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Partnership recorded a gain (loss) of \$(0.2) million and \$5.2 million, respectively. The Partnership's investment balance as of September 30, 2018 was \$20.2 million, which is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Funds Held in Escrow

The funds held in escrow represent amounts in deposit to fund acquisitions. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, there was \$62.0 million in deposit to be applied to the purchase price for the acquisition of leasehold interests and related assets from Ajax Resources, LLC that closed on October 31, 2018. See Note 4— Acquisitions for information relating to this acquisition. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, there was \$6.3 million in deposit to fund other acquisitions which closed in the first quarter of 2018.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". This standard included a five-step revenue recognition model to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Among other things, the standard also eliminated industry-specific revenue guidance, required enhanced disclosures about revenue, provided guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively and improved guidance for multiple-element arrangements. The Company adopted this Accounting Standards Update effective January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective approach. The Company utilized a bottom-up approach to analyze the impact of the new standard by reviewing its current accounting policies and practices to identify potential differences that would result from applying the requirements of the new standard to its revenue contracts and the impact of adopting this standards update on its total revenues, operating income and its consolidated balance sheet. The adoption of this standard did not result in a cumulative-effect adjustment.

In January 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-01, "Financial Instruments–Overall". This update applies to any entity that holds financial assets or owes financial liabilities. This update requires equity investments (except for those accounted for under the equity method or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. The Partnership adopted this standard effective January 1, 2018 by means of a negative cumulative-effect adjustment totaling \$18.7 million.

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-15, "Statement of Cash Flows - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments". This update apples to all entities that are required to present a statement of cash flows. This update provides guidance on eight specific cash flow issues: debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments or other debt instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing; contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies; including bank-owned life insurance policies; distributions received from equity method investees; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. The Company adopted this update effective January 1, 2018 using the retrospective transition method. Adoption of this standard did not have an effect on the presentation on the Statement of Cash Flows.

In November 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-18, "Statement of Cash Flows - Restricted Cash". This update affects entities that have restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The Company adopted this update effective January 1, 2018. The adoption of this update did not have an effect on the presentation on the Statement of Cash Flows.

In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2017-01, "Business Combinations - Clarifying the Definition of a Business". This update apples to all entities that must determine whether they acquired or sold a business. This update provides a screen to determine when a set is not a business. The screen requires that when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (or disposed of) is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or a group of similar identifiable assets, the set is not a business. The Company adopted this update prospectively effective January 1, 2018. The adoption of this update did not have an impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, "Leases". This update applies to any entity that enters into a lease, with some specified scope exemptions. Under this update, a lessee should recognize in the statement of financial position a liability to make lease payments (the lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. While there were no major changes to the lessor accounting, changes were made to align key aspects with the revenue recognition guidance. This update will be effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. Entities will be required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The Company believes the primary impact of adopting this standard will be the recognition of assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for current operating leases. The Company is still evaluating the impact of this standard.

In January 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-01, "Leases -Land Easement Practical Expedient for Transition to Topic 842". This update applies to any entity that holds land easements. The update allows entities to adopt a practical expedient to not evaluate existing or expired land easements under Topic 842 that were not previously accounted for as leases under the current leases guidance. An entity that elects this practical expedient should evaluate new or modified land easements under Topic 842 beginning at the date that the entity adopts Topic 842. The Company believes the adoption of this update will not have an impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In July 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-10, "Codification Improvements to Topic 842, Leases". This update provides clarification and corrects unintended application of certain sections in the new lease guidance. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The Company believes the primary impact of adopting this standard will be the recognition of assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for current operating leases. The Company is still evaluating the impact of this standard.

In July 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-11, "Lease (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements". This update provides another transition method of allowing entities to initially apply the new lease standard at the adoption date and recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years

beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The Company believes the primary impact of adopting this standard will be the recognition of assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for current operating leases. The Company is still evaluating the impact of this standard.

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In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses". This update affects entities holding financial assets and net investment in leases that are not accounted for at fair value through net income. The amendments affect loans, debt securities, trade receivables, net investments in leases, off-balance sheet credit exposures, reinsurance receivables, and any other financial assets not excluded from the scope that have the contractual right to receive cash. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. This update will be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective. The Company does not believe the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements since the Company does not have a history of credit losses.

In June 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-07, "Stock Compensation - Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting". This update applies the existing employee guidance to nonemployee share-based transactions, with the exception of specific guidance related to the attribution of compensation cost. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this update, but does not believe it will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In July 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-09, "Codification Improvements". This update provides clarification and corrects unintended application of the guidance in various sections. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this update, but does not believe it will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-13, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) - Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement". This update modifies the fair value measurement disclosure requirements specifically related to Level 3 fair value measurements and transfers between levels. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. This update will be applied prospectively. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this update, but does not believe it will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-15, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal - Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract". This update requires the capitalization of implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract for internal-use software. Training and certain data conversion costs cannot be capitalized. The entity is required to expense the capitalized implementation costs over the term of the hosting agreement. This update will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. This update should be applied either retrospectively or prospectively to all implementation costs incurred after the date of adoption. The Company believes the adoption of this update will not have an impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

3. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Sales of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids are recognized at the point control of the product is transferred to the customer. Virtually all of the pricing provisions in the Company's contracts are tied to a market index, with certain adjustments based on, among other factors, whether a well delivers to a gathering or transmission line, the quality of the oil or natural gas and the prevailing supply and demand conditions. As a result, the price of the oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids fluctuates to remain competitive with other available oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids supplies.

Oil sales

The Company's oil sales contracts are generally structured where it delivers oil to the purchaser at a contractually agreed-upon delivery point at which the purchaser takes custody, title and risk of loss of the product. Under this arrangement, the Company or a third party transports the product to the delivery point and receives a specified index price from the purchaser with no deduction. In this scenario, the Company recognizes revenue when control transfers to the purchaser at the delivery point based on the price received from the purchaser. Oil revenues are recorded net of any third-party transportation fees and other applicable differentials in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Natural gas and natural gas liquids sales

Under the Company's natural gas processing contracts, it delivers natural gas to a midstream processing entity at the wellhead, battery facilities or the inlet of the midstream processing entity's system. The midstream processing entity gathers and processes the natural gas and remits proceeds to the Company for the resulting sales of natural gas liquids and residue gas. In these scenarios, the Company evaluates whether it is the principal or the agent in the transaction. For those contracts where the Company has concluded it is the principal and the ultimate third party is its customer, the Company recognizes revenue on a gross basis, with transportation, gathering, processing, treating and compression fees presented as an expense in its consolidated statements of operations.

In certain natural gas processing agreements, the Company may elect to take its residue gas and/or natural gas liquids in-kind at the tailgate of the midstream entity's processing plant and subsequently market the product. Through the marketing process, the Company delivers product to the ultimate third-party purchaser at a contractually agreed-upon delivery point and receives a specified index price from the purchaser. In this scenario, the Company recognizes revenue when control transfers to the purchaser at the delivery point based on the index price received from the purchaser. The gathering, processing, treating and compression fees attributable to the gas processing contract, as well as any transportation fees incurred to deliver the product to the purchaser, are presented as transportation, gathering, processing, treating and compress in its consolidated statements of operations.

Midstream Revenue

Substantially all revenues from gathering, compression, water handling, disposal and treatment operations are derived from intersegment transactions for services Rattler Midstream LLC ("Rattler") provides to exploration and production operations. The portion of such fees shown in the Company's consolidated financial statements represent amounts charged to interest owners in the Company's operated wells, as well as fees charged to other third parties for water handling and treatment services provided by Rattler or usage of Rattler's gathering and compression systems. For gathering and compression revenue, Rattler satisfies its performance obligations and recognizes revenue when low pressure volumes are delivered to a specified delivery point. Revenue is recognized based on the per MMbtu gathering fee or a per barrel gathering fee charged by Rattler in accordance with the gathering and compression agreement. For water handling and treatment revenue, Rattler satisfies its performance obligations and recognizes revenue when the fresh water volumes have been delivered to the fracwater meter for a specified well pad and the wastewater volumes have been metered downstream of the Company's facilities. For services contracted through third party providers, Rattler's performance obligation is satisfied when the service performed by the third party provider has been completed. Revenue is recognized based on the per barrel fresh water delivery or a wastewater gathering and disposal fee charged by Rattler in accordance with the water services agreement.

Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

The Company's upstream product sales contracts do not originate until production occurs and, therefore, are not considered to exist beyond each days' production. Therefore, there are no remaining performance obligation under any of our product sales contracts.

The majority of the Company's midstream revenue agreements have a term greater than one year, and as such Rattler LLC has utilized the practical expedient in ASC 606, which states that the Company is not required to disclose the transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations if the variable consideration is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation. Under its revenue agreements, each delivery generally represents a

separate performance obligation; therefore, future volumes delivered are wholly unsatisfied and disclosure of the transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations is not required.

The remainder of the Company's midstream revenue agreements, which relate to agreements with third parties, are short-term in nature with a term of one year or less. Rattler LLC has utilized an additional practical expedient in ASC 606 which exempts it from disclosure of the transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations if the performance obligation is part of an agreement that has an original expected duration of one year or less.

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Contract balances

Under the Company's product sales contracts, it has the right to invoice its customers once the performance obligations have been satisfied, at which point payment is unconditional. Accordingly, the Company's product sales contracts do not give rise to contract assets or liabilities under Accounting Standards Codification 606.

Prior-period performance obligations

The Company records revenue in the month production is delivered to the purchaser. However, settlement statements for certain natural gas and natural gas liquids sales may not be received for 30 to 90 days after the date production is delivered, and as a result, the Company is required to estimate the amount of production delivered to the purchaser and the price that will be received for the sale of the product. The Company records the differences between its estimates and the actual amounts received for product sales in the month that payment is received from the purchaser. The Company has existing internal controls for its revenue estimation process and related accruals, and any identified differences between its revenue estimates and actual revenue received historically have not been significant. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, revenue recognized in the reporting period related to performance obligations satisfied in prior reporting periods was not material. The Company believes that the pricing provisions of its oil, natural gas sales are unavailable for a given reporting period because of timing or information not received from third parties, the revenue related to expected sales volumes and prices for those properties are estimated and recorded.

4. ACQUISITIONS

Tall City Towers LLC

On January 31, 2018, Tall City Towers LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, completed its acquisition of the Fasken Center office buildings in Midland, TX where the Company's corporate offices are located for a net purchase price of \$109.7 million.

Pending Merger with Energen Corporation

On August 14, 2018, the Company entered into a definitive merger agreement providing for the Company's acquisition of Energen Corporation ("Energen") in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$9.2 billion including Energen's net debt of \$831.0 million as of June 30, 2018 (the "Pending Merger"). The addition of Energen's assets will increase the Company's assets to: (i) over 273,000 net Tier One acres in the Permian Basin, an increase of 57% from its current Tier One acreage of approximately 174,000 net acres, (ii) approximately 7,200 estimated total net horizontal Permian locations, an increase of over 120% from its current estimated net locations and (iii) approximately 394,000 net acres across the Midland and Delaware Basins, an increase of 82% from our approximately 216,000 net acres as September 30, 2018, in each case after giving effect to the Company's recently completed Ajax Resources, LLC, ExL Management, LLC and EnergyQuest II LLC acquisitions described below.

The completion of the Pending Merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain customary mutual closing conditions. The Company's registration statement on Form S-4 relating to the Pending Merger was declared effective by the SEC on October 24, 2018, and the Pending Merger is expected to be completed at the end of November of

Under the terms of the merger agreement relating to the Pending Merger, the Company has agreed to assume Energen's outstanding debt, which as of June 30, 2018 was approximately \$831.0 million. This amount consists of \$301.0 million of borrowings under Energen's existing credit facility, \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.625% Notes, due September 1, 2021, \$20.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.32% Medium-term Notes, Series A, due July 28, 2022, \$10.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.35% Medium-term Notes, Series A, due July 28, 2027, and \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.125% Medium-term Notes, Series B, due February 15, 2028 (collectively, the "Energen Notes"). The Company may choose to refinance the Energen credit facility and the Company's credit facility into a combined credit facility in connection with the consummation of the Pending Merger or the Company may choose to repay the outstanding borrowings under the Energen credit facility using cash on hand or borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility. With respect to the outstanding Energen Notes, the Company may take no action, or the Company may seek to amend the terms of the indenture governing the Energen Notes or engage in liability management transactions with respect to, repay or refinance any or all of the Energen Notes, with any repayment coming from cash on hand or borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility.

Ajax Resources, LLC

On July 22, 2018, the Company entered into a definitive purchase agreement to acquire all leasehold interests and related assets of Ajax Resources, LLC, which include approximately 25,493 net leasehold acres in the Northern Midland Basin, for \$900.0 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments, and approximately 2.6 million shares of the Company's common stock (the "Ajax acquisition"). This transaction closed on October 31, 2018 and was effective as of July 1, 2018. The cash portion of this transaction was funded through a combination of cash on hand, proceeds from the sale of mineral interests to the Partnership (described below), borrowing under the Company's revolving credit facility and a portion of the proceeds from the Company's September 2018 senior note offering. See Note 9—Debt for information relating to this offering.

In connection with the closing of the Ajax acquisition on October 31, 2018, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement with Ajax Resources, LLC and certain other holders of the Company's common stock. Pursuant to this agreement, the Company agreed to (i) file with the SEC a shelf registration statement to facilitate the resale of common stock issued in the Ajax acquisition and any shares of common stock that may be issued or distributed in respect of such shares upon certain events and (ii) use its reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective by November 30, 2018. Pursuant to this registration rights agreement, the Company also agreed to provide certain demand and piggyback registration rights to such holders.

ExL Petroleum Management, LLC and EnergyQuest II LLC

On September 21, 2018, the Company entered into two definitive purchase agreements to acquire leasehold interests and related assets, one with ExL Petroleum Management, LLC and ExL Petroleum Operating, Inc. and one with EnergyQuest II LLC, for an aggregate of approximately 3,646 net leasehold acres in the Northern Midland Basin for a total of \$312.5 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments. These transactions closed on October 31, 2018 and were effective as of August 1, 2018. These transactions were funded through a combination of cash on hand, proceeds from the sale of assets to the Partnership (described below) and borrowing under the Company's revolving credit facility.

Drop-down Transaction

On August 15, 2018, the Company completed a transaction to sell to the Partnership mineral interests underlying 32,424 gross (1,696 net royalty) acres primarily in Pecos County, Texas, in the Permian Basin, approximately 80% of which are operated by the Company, for \$175.0 million (the "Drop-down Transaction").

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Oil and Natural Gas Properties

On February 28, 2017, the Company completed its acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties, midstream assets and other related assets in the Delaware Basin for an aggregate purchase price consisting of \$1.74 billion in cash and 7.69 million shares of the Company's common stock, of which approximately 1.15 million shares were placed in an indemnity escrow. This transaction included the acquisition of (i) approximately 100,306 gross (80,339 net) acres primarily in Pecos and Reeves counties for approximately \$2.5 billion and (ii) midstream assets for approximately \$47.6 million. The Company used the net proceeds from its December 2016 equity offering, net proceeds from its December 2016 debt offering, cash on hand and other financing sources to fund the cash portion of the purchase price for this acquisition.

The following represents the fair value of the assets and liabilities assumed on the acquisition date. The aggregate consideration transferred was \$2.5 billion, resulting in no goodwill or bargain purchase gain.

(in
thousands)
\$386,308
2,122,597
47,432
3,460
839
163
(9,650)
(1,550)
\$2,549,599

The Company included in its consolidated statements of operations revenues of \$84.3 million and direct operating expenses of \$16.0 million for the period from February 28, 2017 to September 30, 2017 due to the acquisition.

Pro Forma Financial Information

The following unaudited summary pro forma consolidated statement of operations data of Diamondback for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2017 have been prepared to give effect to the February 28, 2017 acquisition as if it had occurred on January 1, 2016. The pro forma data are not necessarily indicative of financial results that would have been attained had the acquisitions occurred on January 1, 2016. The pro forma data also necessarily exclude various operation expenses related to the properties and the financial statements should not be viewed as indicative of operations in future periods.

	Three	Nine
	Months	Months
	Ended	Ended
	SeptemberSeptember	
	30, 2017	30, 2017
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenues	\$301,253	\$ 828,846
Income from operations	142,639	405,699

Net income	81,948	382,044
Basic earnings per common share	0.74	3.96
Diluted earnings per common share	0.74	3.95

5. VIPER ENERGY PARTNERS LP

The Partnership is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership, the common units of which are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "VNOM". The Partnership was formed by Diamondback on February 27, 2014, to, among other things, own, acquire and exploit oil and natural gas properties in North America. The Partnership is currently focused on oil and natural gas properties in the Permian Basin and the Eagle Ford Shale. Viper Energy Partners GP LLC, a fully-consolidated subsidiary of Diamondback, serves as the general partner of the Partnership. As of September 30, 2018, the Company owned approximately 59% of the Partnership's total units outstanding.

Recapitalization, Tax Status Election and Related Transactions by Viper

In March 2018, the Partnership announced that the Board of Directors of the General Partner had unanimously approved a change of the Partnership's federal income tax status from that of a pass-through partnership to that of a taxable entity via a "check the box" election. In connection with making this election, on May 9, 2018 the Partnership (i) amended and restated its First Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement, (ii) amended and restated the First Amended and Restated Liability Company Agreement of the Operating Company, (iii) amended and restated its existing registration rights agreement with the Company and (iv) entered into an exchange agreement with the Company, the General Partner and the Operating Company. Simultaneously with the effectiveness of these agreements, the Company delivered and assigned to the Partnership the 73,150,000 common units the Company owned in exchange

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for (i) 73,150,000 of the Partnership's newly-issued Class B units and (ii) 73,150,000 newly-issued units of the Operating Company pursuant to the terms of a Recapitalization Agreement dated March 28, 2018, as amended as of May 9, 2018 (the "Recapitalization Agreement"). Immediately following that exchange, the Partnership continued to be the managing member of the Operating Company, with sole control of its operations, and owned approximately 36% of the outstanding units issued by the Operating Company, and the Company owned the remaining approximately 64% of the outstanding units issued by the Operating Company. Upon completion of the Partnership's July 2018 offering of units, it owned approximately 41% of the outstanding units issued by the Operating Company units issued by the Operating Company units and the Partnership's Class B units owned by the Company are exchangeable from time to time for the Partnership's common units (that is, one Operating Company unit and one Partnership Class B unit, together, will be exchangeable for one Partnership common unit).

On May 10, 2018, the change in the Partnership's income tax status became effective. On that date, pursuant to the terms of the Recapitalization Agreement, (i) the General Partner made a cash capital contribution of \$1.0 million to the Partnership in respect of its general partner interest and (ii) the Company made a cash capital contribution of \$1.0 million to the Partnership in respect of the Class B units. The Company, as the holder of the Class B units, and the General Partner, as the holder of the general partner interest, are entitled to receive an 8% annual distribution on the outstanding amount of these capital contributions, payable quarterly, as a return on this invested capital. On May 10, 2018, the Company also exchanged 731,500 Class B units and 731,500 units in the Operating Company for 731,500 common units of the Partnership and a cash amount of \$10,000 representing a proportionate return of the \$1.0 million invested capital in respect of the Class B units. The General Partner continues to serve as the Partnership's general partner and the Company continues to control the Partnership. After the effectiveness of the tax status election and the completion of related transactions, the Partnership's minerals business continues to be conducted through the Operating Company, which continues to be taxed as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes. This structure is anticipated to provide significant benefits to the Partnership's business, including operational effectiveness, acquisition and disposition transactional planning flexibility and income tax efficiency. For additional information regarding the tax status election and related transactions, please refer to the Partnership's Definitive Information Statement on Schedule 14C filed with the SEC on April 17, 2018 and the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 15, 2018.

Partnership Agreement

The second amended and restated agreement of limited partnership, dated as of May 9, 2018, as amended as of May 10, 2018 (the "Partnership Agreement"), requires the Partnership to reimburse the General Partner for all direct and indirect expenses incurred or paid on the Partnership's behalf and all other expenses allocable to the Partnership or otherwise incurred by the General Partner in connection with operating the Partnership's business. The Partnership Agreement does not set a limit on the amount of expenses for which the General Partner and its affiliates may be reimbursed. These expenses include salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to persons who perform services for the Partnership or on its behalf and expenses allocated to the General Partner by its affiliates. The General Partner is entitled to determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership. For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the General Partner allocated \$0.6 million to the Partnership.

Tax Sharing

In connection with the closing of the Viper Offering, the Partnership entered into a tax sharing agreement with Diamondback, dated June 23, 2014, pursuant to which the Partnership agreed to reimburse Diamondback for its share of state and local income and other taxes for which the Partnership's results are included in a combined or consolidated tax return filed by Diamondback with respect to taxable periods including or beginning on June 23, 2014. The amount of any such reimbursement is limited to the tax the Partnership would have paid had it not been included in a combined group with Diamondback. Diamondback may use its tax attributes to cause its combined or consolidated group, of which the Partnership may be a member for this purpose, to owe less or no tax. In such a situation, the Partnership agreed to reimburse Diamondback for the tax the Partnership would have owed had the tax attributes not been available or used for the Partnership's benefit, even though Diamondback had no cash tax expense for that period. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Partnership accrued state income tax expense (benefit) of \$(0.1) million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for its share of Texas margin tax for which the Partnership's results are included in a combined tax return filed by Diamondback.

Other Agreements

See Note 12—Related Party Transactions for information regarding the advisory services agreement the Partnership and the General Partner entered into with Wexford Capital LP ("Wexford").

The Partnership has entered into a secured revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo, as administrative agent sole book runner and lead arranger. See Note 9—Debt for a description of this credit facility.

6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment includes the following:

	September 30,	December 31,
	2018	2017
	(in thousand	ds)
Oil and natural gas properties:		
Subject to depletion	\$6,534,749	\$5,126,829
Not subject to depletion	4,283,629	4,105,865
Gross oil and natural gas properties	10,818,378	9,232,694
Accumulated depletion	(1,375,163)(1,009,893)
Accumulated impairment	(1,143,498)(1,143,498)
Oil and natural gas properties, net	8,299,717	7,079,303
Midstream assets	355,758	191,519
Other property, equipment and land	85,882	80,776
Accumulated depreciation	(26,751)(7,981)
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortization and impairment	\$8,714,606	\$7,343,617
Balance of costs not subject to depletion:		
Incurred in 2018	\$589,352	
Incurred in 2017	2,563,902	
Incurred in 2016	714,467	
Incurred in 2015	234,948	
Incurred in 2014	180,960	
Total not subject to depletion	\$4,283,629	

The Company uses the full cost method of accounting for its oil and natural gas properties. Under this method, all acquisition, exploration and development costs, including certain internal costs, are capitalized and amortized on a composite unit of production method based on proved oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas reserves. Internal costs capitalized to the full cost pool represent management's estimate of costs incurred directly related to exploration and development activities such as geological and other administrative costs associated with overseeing the exploration and development activities. Costs, including related employee costs, associated with production and operation of the properties are charged to expense as incurred. All other internal costs not directly associated with exploration and development activities are charged to expense as they are incurred. Capitalized internal costs were approximately \$6.7 million and \$5.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$20.4 million and \$15.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Costs associated with unevaluated properties are excluded from the full cost pool until the Company has made a determination as to the existence of proved reserves. The inclusion of the Company's unevaluated costs into the amortization base is expected to be completed within three to five years. Acquisition costs not currently being amortized are primarily related to unproved acreage that the Company plans to prove up through drilling. The Company has no plans to let any acreage expire. Sales of oil and natural gas properties, whether or not being amortized currently, are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs, with no gain or loss recognized, unless such adjustments would significantly alter the relationship between capitalized costs and proved reserves of oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas.

Under this method of accounting, the Company is required to perform a ceiling test each quarter. The test determines a limit, or ceiling, on the book value of the proved oil and natural gas properties. Net capitalized costs are limited to the lower of unamortized cost net of deferred income taxes, or the cost center ceiling. The cost center ceiling is defined as the sum of (a) estimated future net revenues, discounted at 10% per annum, from proved reserves, based on the trailing 12-month unweighted average of the first-day-of-the-month price, adjusted for any contract provisions or financial derivatives, if any, that hedge the Company's oil and natural gas revenue, and excluding the estimated abandonment costs for properties with asset retirement obligations recorded on the balance sheet, (b) the cost of properties not being amortized, if any, and (c) the lower of cost or market value of unproved properties included in the cost being amortized, including related deferred taxes for differences between the book and tax basis of the oil and natural gas properties. If the net book value, including related deferred taxes, exceeds the ceiling, an impairment or non-cash writedown is required.

At September 30, 2018, there was \$50.1 million in exploration costs and development costs and \$42.0 million in capitalized interest that was not subject to depletion. At December 31, 2017, there were \$26.0 million in exploration costs and development costs and \$22.1 million in capitalized interest that was not subject to depletion.

7. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The following table describes the changes to the Company's asset retirement obligation liability for the following periods:

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 2017

(in thousands) Asset retirement obligations, beginning of period \$21,285 \$17,422

Additional liabilities incurred	2,229	1,196
Liabilities acquired	270	2,411
Liabilities settled	(1,474)(689)
Accretion expense	1,107	1,030
Revisions in estimated liabilities	568	4
Asset retirement obligations, end of period	23,985	21,374
Less current portion	88	1,392
Asset retirement obligations - long-term	\$23,897	\$19,982

The Company's asset retirement obligations primarily relate to the future plugging and abandonment of wells and related facilities. The Company estimates the future plugging and abandonment costs of wells, the ultimate productive life of the properties, a risk-adjusted discount rate and an inflation factor in order to determine the current present value of this obligation. To the extent future revisions to these assumptions impact the present value of the existing asset retirement obligation liability, a corresponding adjustment is made to the oil and natural gas property balance. The current portion of the asset retirement obligation liability is included in other accrued liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

8. EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENTS

In October 2014, the Company obtained a 25% interest in HMW Fluid Management LLC ("HMW LLC"), which was formed to develop, own and operate an integrated water management system to gather, store, process, treat, distribute and dispose of water to exploration and production companies operating in Midland, Martin and Andrews Counties, Texas. On June 30, 2018, HMW LLC's operating agreement was amended effective January 1, 2018. As a result of the amendment, the Company will no longer recognize an equity investment in HMW LLC but will instead consolidate its interests in the net assets of HMW LLC. In exchange for the Company's 25% investment, the Company received a 50% undivided ownership interest in two of the four salt water disposal wells and associated assets previously owned by HMW LLC. The Company's basis in the assets is equivalent to its basis in the equity investment in HMW LLC. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company invested \$0.2 million in this entity and recorded \$0.3 million, which is the Company's share of HMW LLC's net income, bringing its total investment to \$6.8 million at September 30, 2017.

9. DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following as of the dates indicated:

	September	December
	30,	31,
	2018	2017
	(in thousand	ls)
4.750 % Senior Notes due 2024	\$1,250,000	\$500,000
5.375 % Senior Notes due 2025	800,000	500,000
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(25,038)(13,153)
Unamortized premium costs	10,897	
Revolving credit facility		397,000
Partnership revolving credit facility	296,500	93,500
Total long-term debt	\$2,332,359	\$1,477,347

2024 Senior Notes

On October 28, 2016, the Company issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "2024 Senior Notes"). The 2024 Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.750% per annum, payable semi-annually, in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on May 1, 2017 and will mature on November 1, 2024. All of the Company's existing and future restricted subsidiaries that guarantee its revolving credit facility or certain other debt guarantee the 2024 Senior Notes; provided, however, that the 2024 Senior Notes are not guaranteed by the Partnership, the General Partner, Viper Energy Partners LLC or Rattler Midstream LLC, and will not be guaranteed by any of the Company's future unrestricted subsidiaries.

On September 25, 2018, the Company issued \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of new 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "New 2024 Notes") as additional notes under, and subject to the terms of, the 2024 Indenture. The New 2024 Notes were issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act. The Company received approximately \$740.7 million in net proceeds, after deducting the initial purchasers' discount and its estimated offering expenses, but disregarding accrued interest, from the issuance of the New 2024 Notes. The

Company used a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance of the New 2024 Notes to repay the outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility and intends to use the balance for general corporate purposes, including funding a portion of the cash consideration for the acquisition of assets from Ajax Resources, LLC.

The 2024 Senior Notes were issued under, and are governed by, an indenture among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo, as the trustee, as supplemented (the "2024 Indenture"). The 2024 Indenture contains certain covenants that, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications, among other things, limit the Company's ability and the ability of the restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, make certain investments, declare or pay dividends or make other distributions on capital stock, prepay subordinated indebtedness, sell assets including capital stock of restricted subsidiaries, agree to payment restrictions affecting the Company's restricted subsidiaries, consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, incur liens, engage in business other than the oil and natural gas business and designate certain of the Company's subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

The Company may on any one or more occasions redeem some or all of the 2024 Senior Notes at any time on or after November 1, 2019 at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) of 103.563% for the 12-month period beginning on November 1, 2019, 102.375% for the 12-month period beginning on November 1, 2020, 101.188% for the 12-month period beginning on November 1, 2021 and 100.000% beginning on November 1, 2022 and at any time thereafter with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption. Prior to November 1, 2019, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem all or a portion of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) plus a "make-whole" premium and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In addition, any time prior to November 1, 2019, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) plus a (including the New 2024 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Senior Notes (including the New 2024 Notes) issued prior to such date at a redemption price of 104.750%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with an amount equal to the net cash proceeds from certain equity

2025 Senior Notes

On December 20, 2016, the Company issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Senior Notes"). The 2025 Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.375% per annum, payable semi-annually, in arrears on May 31 and November 30 of each year, commencing on May 31, 2017 and will mature on May 31, 2025. All of the Company's existing and future restricted subsidiaries that guarantee its revolving credit facility or certain other debt guarantee the 2025 Senior Notes, provided, however, that the 2025 Senior Notes are not guaranteed by the Partnership, the General Partner, Viper Energy Partners LLC or Rattler Midstream LLC, and will not be guaranteed by any of the Company's future unrestricted subsidiaries.

On January 29, 2018, the Company issued \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of new 5.375% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "New 2025 Notes") as additional notes under, and subject to the terms of, the 2025 Indenture. The New 2025 Notes were issued in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act. The Company received approximately \$308.4 million in net proceeds, after deducting the initial purchaser's discount and its estimated offering expenses, but disregarding accrued interest, from the issuance of the New 2025 Notes. The Company used the net proceeds from the issuance of the New 2025 Notes to repay a portion of the outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

The 2025 Indenture contains certain covenants that, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications, among other things, limit the Company's ability and the ability of the restricted subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, make certain investments, declare or pay dividends or make other distributions on capital stock, prepay subordinated indebtedness, sell assets including capital stock of restricted subsidiaries, agree to payment restrictions affecting the Company's restricted subsidiaries, consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all

of the Company's assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, incur liens, engage in business other than the oil and natural gas business and designate certain of the Company's subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

The Company may on any one or more occasions redeem some or all of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) at any time on or after May 31, 2020 at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) of 104.031% for the 12-month period beginning on May 31, 2020, 102.688% for the 12-month period beginning on May 31, 2022 and 100.000% beginning on May 31, 2023 and at any time thereafter with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption. Prior to May 31, 2020, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem all or a portion of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) plus a "make-whole" premium and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In addition, any time prior to May 31, 2020, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Notes) issued prior to such date at a redemption price of 105.375%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with an amount equal to the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings.

The Company's Credit Facility

The Company and Diamondback O&G LLC, as borrower, entered into the second amended and restated credit agreement, dated November 1, 2013, as amended, with a syndicate of banks, including Wells Fargo, as administrative agent, and its affiliate Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as sole book runner and lead arranger. The credit agreement provides for a revolving credit facility in the maximum credit amount of \$5.0 billion, subject to a borrowing base based on the Company's oil and natural gas reserves and other factors (the "borrowing base"). The borrowing base is scheduled to be redetermined, under certain circumstances, annually with an effective date of May 1st, and, under certain circumstances, semi-annually with effective dates of May 1st and November 1st. In addition, the Company and Wells Fargo may each request up to two interim redeterminations of the borrowing base during any 12-month period. As of September 30, 2018, the borrowing base was set at \$2.0 billion, the Company had elected a commitment amount of \$1.0 billion and the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility and \$1.0 billion available for future borrowings under its revolving credit facility. On October 26, 2018, the credit agreement was amended to increase the borrowing base to \$2.5 billion, which was increased further to \$2.65 billion on November 6, 2018 following the closing of the Company's acquisition of assets from Ajax Resources, LLC and satisfaction of certain other conditions. The Company also elected to increase the commitment amount from \$1.0 billion to \$2.0 billion effective October 26, 2018. In addition, this amendment increased the Company's flexibility to make restricted payments and redeem senior unsecured notes.

Diamondback O&G LLC is the borrower under the credit agreement. As of December 31, 2017, the credit agreement is guaranteed by the Company, Diamondback E&P LLC and Rattler Midstream LLC (formerly known as White Fang Energy LLC) and will also be guaranteed by any of the Company's future subsidiaries that are classified as restricted subsidiaries under the credit agreement. The credit agreement is also secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company, Diamondback O&G LLC and the guarantors.

The outstanding borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at a per annum rate elected by the Company that is equal to an alternate base rate (which is equal to the greatest of the prime rate, the Federal Funds effective rate plus 0.5%, and 3-month LIBOR plus 1.0%) or LIBOR, in each case plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin ranges from 0.25% to 1.25% in the case of the alternate base rate and from 1.25% to 2.25% in the case of LIBOR, in each case depending on the amount of loans and letters of credit outstanding in relation to the commitment, which is defined as the least of the maximum credit amount, the borrowing base and the elected commitment amount. The Company is obligated to pay a quarterly commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.500% per year on the unused portion of the commitment, which fee is also dependent on the amount of loans and letters of credit outstanding in

relation to the commitment. Loan principal may be optionally repaid from time to time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage), and is required to be repaid (a) to the extent the loan amount exceeds the commitment or the borrowing base, whether due to a borrowing base redetermination or otherwise (in some cases subject to a cure period), (b) in an amount equal to the net cash proceeds from the sale of property when a borrowing base deficiency or event of default exists under the credit agreement and (c) at the maturity date of November 1, 2022.

The credit agreement contains various affirmative, negative and financial maintenance covenants. These covenants, among other things, limit additional indebtedness, additional liens, sales of assets, mergers and consolidations, dividends and distributions, transactions with affiliates and entering into certain swap agreements and require the maintenance of the financial ratios described below.

Financial Covenant Required Ratio Ratio of total net debt to EBITDAX, as defined in the credit agreement Ratio of current assets to liabilities, as defined in the credit agreement

The covenant prohibiting additional indebtedness, as amended in November 2017, allows for the issuance of unsecured debt in the form of senior or senior subordinated notes if no default would result from the incurrence of such debt after giving effect thereto and if, in connection with any such issuance, the borrowing base is reduced by 25% of the stated principal amount of each such issuance.

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under its revolving credit facility, as then in effect. The lenders may accelerate all of the indebtedness under the Company's revolving credit facility upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any event of default. The credit agreement contains customary events of default, including non-payment, breach of covenants, materially incorrect representations, cross-default, bankruptcy and change of control. There are no cure periods for events of default due to non-payment of principal and breaches of negative and financial covenants, but non-payment of interest and breaches of certain affirmative covenants are subject to customary cure periods.

The Partnership's Credit Agreement

On July 8, 2014, the Partnership entered into a secured revolving credit agreement with Wells Fargo, as administrative agent, certain other lenders and the Operating Company, the Partnership's consolidated subsidiary, as guarantor. On May 8, 2018, the Operating Company assumed all liabilities as borrower under the credit agreement and the Partnership became a guarantor of the credit agreement. On July 20, 2018, the Operating Company, the Partnership, Wells Fargo and the other lenders amended and restated the credit agreement to reflect the assumption by the Operating Company.

The credit agreement, as amended and restated, provides for a revolving credit facility in the maximum credit amount of \$2.0 billion and a borrowing base based on the Partnership's oil and natural gas reserves and other factors (the "borrowing base") of \$475.0 million, subject to scheduled semi-annual and other borrowing base redeterminations. The borrowing base is scheduled to be re-determined semi-annually with effective dates of May 1st and October 26th. In addition, the Operating Company and Wells Fargo each may request up to three interim redeterminations of the borrowing base during any 12-month period. As of September 30, 2018, the borrowing base was set at \$475.0 million, and there was \$296.5 million of outstanding borrowings and \$178.5 million available for future borrowings under the revolving credit facility. In connection with the Partnership's fall 2018 redetermination, the Partnership's borrowing base was increased to \$555.0 million effective October 26, 2018.

The outstanding borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at a per annum rate elected by the Operating Company that is equal to an alternate base rate (which is equal to the greatest of the prime rate, the Federal Funds effective rate plus 0.5% and 3-month LIBOR plus 1.0%) or LIBOR, in each case plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin ranges from 0.75% to 1.75% per annum in the case of the alternate base rate and from 1.75% to 2.75% per annum in the case of LIBOR, in each case depending on the amount of loans and letters of credit outstanding in relation to the commitment, which is defined as the lesser of the maximum credit amount and the borrowing base. The Operating Company is obligated to pay a quarterly commitment fee ranging from 0.375% to 0.500% per year on the unused portion of the commitment. Loan principal may be optionally repaid from time to time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage), and is required to be repaid (i) to the extent the loan amount exceeds the commitment or the borrowing base, whether due to a borrowing base redetermination or otherwise (in some cases subject to a cure period), (ii) in an amount equal to the net cash proceeds from the sale of property when a borrowing base deficiency or event of default exists under the credit agreement and (iii) at the maturity date of November 1, 2022. The loan is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and the Operating Company.

The credit agreement contains various affirmative, negative and financial maintenance covenants. These covenants, among other things, limit additional indebtedness, purchases of margin stock, additional liens, sales of assets, mergers and consolidations, dividends and distributions, transactions with affiliates and entering into certain swap agreements, and require the maintenance of the financial ratios described below: Financial Covenant Required Ratio

Ratio of total net debt to EBITDAX, as defined in the credit agreement Ratio of current assets to liabilities, as defined in the credit agreement Not less than 1.0 to 1.0

The covenant prohibiting additional indebtedness allows for the issuance of unsecured debt of up to \$400.0 million in the form of senior unsecured notes and, in connection with any such issuance, the reduction of the borrowing base by 25% of the stated principal amount of each such issuance. A borrowing base reduction in connection with such issuance may require a portion of the outstanding principal of the loan to be repaid.

The lenders may accelerate all of the indebtedness under the credit agreement upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any event of default. The credit agreement contains customary events of default, including non-payment, breach of covenants, materially incorrect representations, cross-default, bankruptcy and change of control. There are no cure periods for events of default due to non-payment of principal and breaches of negative and financial covenants, but non-payment of interest and breaches of certain affirmative covenants are subject to customary cure periods.

Alliance with Obsidian Resources, L.L.C.

The Company entered into a participation and development agreement (the "DrillCo Agreement"), dated September 10, 2018, with Obsidian Resources, L.L.C. ("CEMOF") to fund oil and natural gas development. Funds managed by CEMOF and its affiliates have agreed to commit to funding certain costs out of CEMOF's net production revenue and, for a period of time, to the extent not funded by such revenue, up to an additional \$300.0 million, to fund drilling programs on locations provided by the Company. Subject to adjustments depending on asset characteristics and return expectations of the selected drilling plan, CEMOF will fund up to 85% of the costs associated with new wells drilled under the DrillCo Agreement and is expected to receive an 80% working interest in these wells until it reaches certain payout thresholds equal to a cumulative 9% and then 13% internal rate of return. Upon reaching the final internal rate of return target, CEMOF's interest will be reduced to 15%, while the Company's interest will increase to 85%.

10. CAPITAL STOCK AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

Diamondback did not complete any equity offerings during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017.

Partnership Equity Offerings

In January 2017, the Partnership completed an underwritten public offering of 9,775,000 common units, which included 1,275,000 common units issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional common units granted to the underwriters. The Partnership received net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$147.5 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, of which the Partnership used \$120.5 million to repay the outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit agreement and the balance was used for general partnership purposes, which included additional acquisitions.

In July 2017, the Partnership completed an underwritten public offering of 16,100,000 common units, which included 2,100,000 common units issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional common units granted to the underwriters. In this offering, the Company purchased 700,000 common units, an affiliate of the General Partner purchased 3,000,000 common units and certain officers and directors of the Company and the General Partner purchased an aggregate of 114,000 common units, in each case directly from the underwriters. The Partnership received net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$232.5 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, of which the Partnership used \$152.8 million to repay all of the then-outstanding borrowings under the Partnership's revolving credit facility and the balance was used to fund a portion of the purchase price for acquisitions and for general partnership purposes.

In July 2018, the Partnership completed an underwritten public offering of 10,080,000 common units, which included 1,080,000 common units issued pursuant to an option to purchase additional common units granted to the underwriters. Following this offering, Diamondback owned approximate 59% of the total Partnership units then outstanding. The Partnership received net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$303.1 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. The Partnership used the net proceeds to purchase units of the Operating Company. The Operating Company in turn used the net proceeds to repay a portion of the \$361.5 million then outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

Earnings Per Share

The Company's basic earnings per share amounts have been computed based on the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share include the effect of potentially dilutive shares outstanding for the period. Additionally, for the diluted earnings per share computation, the per share earnings of the Partnership are included in the consolidated earnings per share computation based on the consolidated group's holdings of the subsidiary.

A reconciliation of the components of basic and diluted earnings per common share is presented in the table below:

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September		Ended September	
	30,		30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(in thous amounts	ands, exce	ept per sh	are
Net income attributable to common stock			\$539,012	2\$367,702
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic weighted average common units outstanding	98,638	98,144	98,603	96,491
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Potential common shares issuable	180	225	217	261
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	98,818	98,369	98,820	96,752
Basic net income attributable to common stock	\$1.59	\$0.74	\$5.47	\$3.81
Diluted net income attributable to common stock	\$1.59	\$0.74	\$5.45	\$3.80

For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were 12,699 shares and 52,857 shares, respectively, and during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were 2,300 and 1,248 shares, respectively, that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented. These shares could dilute basic earnings per share in future periods.

11. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION

The following table presents the effects of the equity compensation plans and related costs:

	Three	Months	Nine M	onths
	Ended	l	Ended	
	Septer	nber 30,	Septem	ber 30,
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(in the	ousands)		
General and administrative expenses	\$5,35	0\$6,187	\$18,45	1\$19,418
Equity-based compensation capitalized pursuant to full cost method of accounting for oil and natural gas properties	2,338	2,167	7,328	6,411

Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents the Company's restricted stock units activity under the Equity Plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	RestrictedWeighted		
	Stock	Average	
	Awards	Grant-Date	
	& Units	Fair Value	
Unvested at December 31, 2017	243,577	\$ 90.88	
Granted	90,115	\$ 115.03	
Vested	(170,014)\$ 89.08	
Forfeited	(7,597)\$ 95.80	

Unvested at September 30, 2018 156,081 \$ 106.54

The aggregate fair value of restricted stock units that vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$15.1 million and \$14.8 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2018, the Company's unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards and units was \$13.0 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years.

Performance Based Restricted Stock Units

To provide long-term incentives for the executive officers to deliver competitive returns to the Company's stockholders, the Company has granted performance-based restricted stock units to eligible employees. The ultimate number of shares awarded from these conditional restricted stock units is based upon measurement of total stockholder return of the Company's common stock ("TSR") as compared to a designated peer group during a two-year or three-year performance period.

In February 2018, eligible employees received performance restricted stock unit awards totaling 117,423 units from which a minimum of 0% and a maximum of 200% units could be awarded. The awards have a performance period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 and cliff vest at December 31, 2020.

The fair value of each performance restricted stock unit is estimated at the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation, which results in an expected percentage of units to be earned during the performance period.

The following table presents a summary of the grant-date fair values of performance restricted stock units granted and the related assumptions for the February 2018 awards.

2018 Three-Year Performance Period Grant-date fair value \$ 170.45 Risk-free rate 1.99 % Company volatility 35.90 %

The following table presents the Company's performance restricted stock units activity under the Equity Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Performance Restricted Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested at December 31, 2017	202,326	\$ 139.83
Granted	285,737	\$ 130.96
Vested	(168,314)	\$ 103.41
Unvested at September 30, 2018 ⁽¹⁾	319,749	\$ 151.08

(1) A maximum of 639,498 units could be awarded based upon the Company's final TSR ranking.

As of September 30, 2018, the Company's unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested performance based restricted stock awards and units was \$23.0 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years.

Partnership Unit Options

The following table presents the unit option activity under the Viper LTIP for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

		Weight	ed Average		
	Unit	Exercis	e Remaining Term	Intrinsic	
	Options	Price	Keinanning Term	Value	
			(in years)	(in	
			(III years)	thousand	s)
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	7,600	\$18.49			
Exercised	(7,600)	\$18.49			
Outstanding at September 30, 2018		\$—	0.00	\$	

The aggregate intrinsic value of unit options that were exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were \$0.2 million.

Phantom Units

Under the Viper LTIP, the Board of Directors of the General Partner is authorized to issue phantom units to eligible employees. The Partnership estimates the fair value of phantom units as the closing price of the Partnership's common units on the grant date of the award, which is expensed over the applicable vesting period. Upon vesting the phantom units entitle the recipient one common unit of the Partnership for each phantom unit.

The following table presents the phantom unit activity under the Viper LTIP for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

	Weighted
Phantom	Average
Units	Grant-Date
	Fair Value
105,439	\$ 17.10
119,818	\$ 24.46
(102,811)	\$ 19.23
122,446	\$ 22.52
	Units 105,439 119,818 (102,811)

The aggregate fair value of phantom units that vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$2.0 million. As of September 30, 2018, the unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested phantom units was \$2.0 million. Such cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Advisory Services Agreement - The Partnership

In connection with the closing of the Viper Offering, the Partnership and the General Partner entered into an advisory services agreement (the "Viper Advisory Services Agreement") with Wexford, dated as of June 23, 2014, under which Wexford provides the Partnership and the General Partner with general financial and strategic advisory services related to the business in return for an annual fee of \$0.5 million, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Viper Advisory Services Agreement had an initial term of two years commencing on June 23, 2014, and will continue for additional one-year periods unless terminated in writing by either party at least ten days prior to the expiration of the then current term. The Partnership did not pay any amounts during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2018 or September 30, 2017 under the Viper Advisory Services Agreement.

Lease Bonus - The Partnership

During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company paid the Partnership \$2.9 million in lease bonus payments to extend the term of 12 leases, reflecting an average bonus of \$6,412 per acre. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company did not pay the Partnership any lease bonus payments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company paid the Partnership \$0.1 million in lease bonus payments to extend the term of two leases, reflecting an average bonus of \$7,459 per acre.

13. INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective income tax rates were 11.5% and 1.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Total income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 differed from amounts computed by applying the United States federal statutory tax rate to pre-tax income primarily due to (i) the impact of deferred taxes recognized by the Partnership as a result of its change in tax status, (ii) current and deferred state income taxes, (iii) net income attributable to the non-controlling interest, and (iv) the impact of permanent differences between book and taxable income. The Company recorded a discrete income tax benefit of approximately \$0.8 million related to equity-based compensation for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and a discrete benefit of approximately \$72.7 million related to deferred taxes on the Partnership's investment in the Operating Company arising from the change in the Partnership's tax status. Total income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2017differed from amounts computed by applying the federal statutory rate to pre-tax income primarily due to state income taxes and the change in the valuation allowance which offset the Company's federal net deferred tax position in that period.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, a historic reform of the U.S. federal income tax statutes, was enacted on December 22, 2017. As of the completion of the Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company had substantially completed its accounting for the effects of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and, with respect to those items for which the Company's accounting was not complete, the Company made reasonable estimates of the effects on its deferred tax balances. At September 30, 2018, the Company had not made an adjustment to the provisional estimates recorded for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company has considered in its estimated annual effective tax rate for 2018 the impact of the statutory changes enacted by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, including reasonable estimates of those provisions effective for the 2018 tax year.

As discussed further in Note 5, on March 29, 2018, the Partnership announced that the Board of Directors of its General Partner had unanimously approved a change of the Partnership's federal income tax status from that of a pass-through partnership to that of a taxable entity, which change became effective on May 10, 2018. The transactions undertaken in connection with the change in the Partnership's tax status were not taxable to the Company. Subsequent to the Partnership's change in tax status, the Partnership's provision for income taxes for the period ended September 30, 2018 is based on its estimated annual effective tax rate plus discrete items. As such, the Partnership's provision for income taxes is included in the Company's consolidated financial statements and to the extent applicable, in net income attributable to the non-controlling interest.

14. DERIVATIVES

All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value. The Company has not designated its derivative instruments as hedges for accounting purposes and, as a result, marks its derivative instruments to fair value and recognizes the cash and non-cash changes in fair value in the combined consolidated statements of operations under the caption "Gain (loss) on derivative instruments, net."

The Company has used fixed price swap contracts, fixed price basis swap contracts and three-way costless collars with corresponding put, short put and call options to reduce price volatility associated with certain of its oil and natural gas sales. With respect to the Company's fixed price swap contracts and fixed price basis swap contracts, the counterparty is required to make a payment to the Company if the settlement price for any settlement period is less than the swap or basis price, and the Company is required to make a payment to the counterparty of the settlement price for any settlement price for any

settlement period is greater than the swap or basis price. The Company has fixed price basis swaps for the spread between the WTI Midland price and the WTI Cushing price.

Under the Company's costless collar contracts, a three-way collar is a combination of three options: a ceiling call, a floor put, and a short put. The counterparty is required to make a payment to the Company if the settlement price for any settlement period is less than the ceiling price to a maximum of the difference between the floor price and the short put price. The Company is required to make a payment to the counterparty if the settlement price for any settlement period is greater than the ceiling price. If the settlement price is between the floor and the ceiling price, there is no payment required.

The Company's derivative contracts are based upon reported settlement prices on commodity exchanges, with crude oil derivative settlements based on New York Mercantile Exchange West Texas Intermediate pricing (Cushing and Magellan East Houston) and Crude Oil Brent, and with natural gas derivative settlements based on the New York Mercantile Exchange Henry Hub pricing.

By using derivative instruments to hedge exposure to changes in commodity prices, the Company exposes itself to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes the Company, which creates credit risk. The Company's counterparties are participants in the secured second amended and restated credit agreement, which is secured by substantially all of the assets of the guarantor subsidiaries; therefore, the Company is not required to post any collateral. The Company does not require collateral from its counterparties. The Company has entered into derivative instruments only with counterparties that are also lenders in our credit facility and have been deemed an acceptable credit risk.

Diamondback Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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As of September 30, 2018, the Company had the following outstanding derivative contracts. When aggregating multiple contracts, the weighted average contract price is disclosed.

	2018		2019	
	Volume	Fixed Price Swap (per Btu) Bbl/MMBtu)	Volume (Bbls/MM	Fixed Price Swap (per IBtu) Bbl/MMBtu)
Oil Swaps - WTI Cushing	2,392,000	\$ 51.27	1,638,000	\$ 52.78
Oil Swaps - WTI Magellan East Houston	644,000	\$ 71.06	1,087,000	\$ 40.37
Oil Swaps - BRENT	920,000	\$ 62.51	725,000	\$ 72.63
Oil Basis Swaps	1,380,000	\$ (0.88)	270,000	\$ (9.42)
Natural Gas Swaps	1,840,000	\$ 3.07	_	\$ —

	October		
	2018 -	January 2019 - De	cember
	December	2019	
	2018		
	WTI		WTI
Oil Three-Way Collars	Magellan	WTI Brent	Magellan
On Thice-way Conars	East	Cushing	East
	Houston		Houston
Volume (Bbls)	644,000	1,810,000,000	994,000
Short put price (per Bbl)	\$ 56.43	\$45.00 \$ 55.00	\$ 56.82
Floor price (per Bbl)	\$ 66.43	\$55.00 \$ 65.00	\$ 66.82
Ceiling price (per Bbl)	\$ 78.82	\$70.23 \$ 82.47	\$ 77.60

Balance sheet offsetting of derivative assets and liabilities

The fair value of swaps is generally determined using established index prices and other sources which are based upon, among other things, futures prices and time to maturity. These fair values are recorded by netting asset and liability positions that are with the same counterparty and are subject to contractual terms which provide for net settlement.

The following tables present the gross amounts of recognized derivative assets and liabilities, the amounts offset under master netting arrangements with counterparties and the resulting net amounts presented in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

-	Septemb	eD20ember 31,
	2018	2017
	(in thous	sands)
Gross amounts of assets presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	\$—	\$ 531
Net amounts of assets presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet		531
Gross amounts of liabilities presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	129,757	106,670
Net amounts of liabilities presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	\$129,75	7\$ 106,670

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The net amounts are classified as current or noncurrent based on their anticipated settlement dates. The net fair value of the Company's derivative assets and liabilities and their locations on the consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

	SeptembeDecember 31,		
	30, 2018 2017		
	(in thousands)		
Current assets: derivative instruments	\$—	\$ 531	
Noncurrent assets: derivative instruments			
Total assets	\$—	\$ 531	
Current liabilities: derivative instruments	\$123,826	5\$ 100,367	
Noncurrent liabilities: derivative instruments	5,931	6,303	
Total liabilities	\$129,757	7\$ 106,670	

None of the Company's derivatives have been designated as hedges. As such, all changes in fair value are immediately recognized in earnings. The following table summarizes the gains and losses on derivative instruments included in the consolidated statements of operations:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(in thousands)			
Change in fair value of open non-hedge derivative instruments	\$(9,913)\$(58,645)	\$(23,618)\$9,365
Gain (loss) on settlement of non-hedge derivative instruments	(38,460)8,000	(115,687)11,011
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments	\$(48,373	3)\$(50,645)	\$(139,305	5)\$20,376

15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The fair value hierarchy is based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurements requires judgment and may affect the valuation of the assets and liabilities being measured and their placement within the fair value hierarchy. The Company uses appropriate valuation techniques based on available inputs to measure the fair values of its assets and liabilities.

Level 1 - Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets as of the reporting date.

Level 2 - Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. These are inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data and may be used with internally developed methodologies that result in management's best estimate of fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Company estimates the fair values of proved oil and natural gas properties assumed in business combinations using discounted cash flow techniques and based on market assumptions as to the future commodity prices, internal estimates of future quantities of oil and natural gas reserves, future estimated rates of production, expected recovery rates and risk-adjustment discounts. The estimated fair values of unevaluated oil and natural gas properties were based on the location, engineering and geological studies, historical well performance, and applicable mineral lease terms. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, the estimated fair values of oil and natural gas properties assumed is deemed to use Level 3 inputs. The asset retirement obligations assumed as part of business combinations are estimated using the same assumptions and methodology as described below.

The Company estimates asset retirement obligations pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Codification Topic 410, "Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations". The initial measurement of asset retirement obligations at fair value is calculated using discounted cash flow techniques and based on internal estimates of future retirement costs associated with the future plugging and abandonment of wells and related facilities. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, including plugging costs and useful lives, the initial measurement of the asset retirement obligation liability is deemed to use Level 3 inputs. See Note 7—Asset Retirement Obligations for further discussion of the Company's asset retirement obligations.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Certain assets and liabilities are reported at fair value on a recurring basis, including the Company's derivative instruments and cost method investment. The fair values of the Company's fixed price swaps, fixed price basis swaps and costless collars are measured internally using established commodity futures price strips for the underlying commodity provided by a reputable third party, the contracted notional volumes, and time to maturity. These valuations are Level 2 inputs.

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

September 30, 2018 Level Level 1 Level 2 3 (in thousands) Assets: Investment \$20.240\$-\$ Liabilities: Fixed price swaps \$— \$(129,757)\$ December 31, 2017 Level Level Level 2 3 (in thousands) Assets: Investment \$\$---\$

Liabilities: Fixed price swaps \$\$(106,139)\$ —

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

The following table provides the fair value of financial instruments that are not recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets:

	September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017		
	Carrying		Carrying		
	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value	
	(in thousands)				
Debt:					
Revolving credit facility	\$—	\$—	\$397,000	\$397,000	
4.750% Senior Notes due 2024	\$1,250,000)\$1,252,613	3\$500,000	\$501,855	
5.375% Senior Notes due 2025	\$800,000	\$819,000	\$500,000	\$515,000	
Partnership revolving credit facility	\$296,500	\$296,500	\$93,500	\$93,500	

The fair value of the revolving credit facility and the Partnership's revolving credit facility approximates their carrying value based on borrowing rates available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and maturities and is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the Senior Notes was determined using the September 30, 2018 quoted market price, a Level 1 classification in the fair value hierarchy.

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company could be subject to various possible loss contingencies which arise primarily from interpretation of federal and state laws and regulations affecting the natural gas and crude oil industry. Such contingencies include differing interpretations as to the prices at which natural gas and crude oil sales may be made, the prices at which royalty owners may be paid for production from their leases, environmental issues and other matters. Management believes it has complied with the various laws and regulations, administrative rulings and interpretations.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Recent Acquisitions and Divestitures

Ajax Resources, LLC

On July 22, 2018, the Company entered into a definitive purchase agreement to acquire all leasehold interests and related assets of Ajax Resources, LLC which includes approximately 25,493 net leasehold acres in the Northern Midland Basin for \$900.0 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments, and approximately 2.6 million shares of the Company's common stock. This transaction closed October 31, 2018, and was effective as of July 1, 2018. See Note 4—Acquisitions for additional information regarding the Ajax acquisition.

The cash portion of the purchase price for the Ajax acquisition was funded through a combination of cash on hand, proceeds from the sale of mineral interests to the Partnership, borrowing under the Company's revolving credit facility and a portion of the proceeds from the Company's September 2018 senior note offering. See Note 9—Debt for information relating to this offering.

ExL Petroleum Management, LLC and Energy Quest II LLC

On October 31, 2018, the Company completed the acquisition of approximately 3,646 net leasehold acres and related assets in the Northern Midland Basin from ExL Petroleum Management, LLC, ExL Petroleum Operating, Inc. and EnergyQuest II LLC for \$312.5 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments. See Note 4—Acquisitions for additional information regarding this acquisition.

Divestiture of Oil and Natural Gas Properties

On November 1, 2018, the Company completed its divestiture of certain oil and natural gas properties in the Delaware Basin for an aggregate sale price of \$62.1 million. This transaction included the divestiture of approximately 2,485 gross (2,072 net) acres primarily in Pecos county, Texas.

Third Quarter Dividend Declaration

On November 5, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a cash dividend for the third quarter of 2018 of \$0.125 per share of common stock, payable on November 26, 2018 to its stockholders of record at the close of business on November 19, 2018. Commodity Contracts

Subsequent to September 30, 2018, the Company entered into new fixed price basis swaps. The Company's derivative contracts are based upon reported settlement prices on commodity exchanges, with crude oil derivative settlements based on New York Mercantile Exchange West Texas Intermediate pricing (Cushing and Magellan East Houston) and Crude Oil Brent.

The following tables present the derivative contracts entered into by the Company subsequent to September 30, 2018. When aggregating multiple contracts, the weighted average contract price is disclosed.

	Volume (Bbls/MMBtu)	Fixed Price Swap (per Bbl/MMBtu)
April 2019 - December 2019		
Oil Swaps - WTI Magellan East Houston	458,000	\$ 76.18
Oil Swaps - BRENT	275,000	\$ 77.58

The Company's Credit Facility

On October 26, 2018, the Company's borrowing base under its credit agreement was increased to \$2.5 billion and was increased further to \$2.65 billion on November 6, 2018 following the closing of the Company's acquisition of assets from Ajax Resources, LLC and satisfaction of certain other conditions. The Company also elected to increase the commitment amount from \$1.0 billion to \$2.0 billion effective October 26, 2018.

The Partnership's Credit Facility

In connection with the Partnership's fall 2018 redetermination, the Partnership's borrowing base was increased to \$555.0 million effective October 26, 2018.

18. GUARANTOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of September 30, 2018, Diamondback E&P LLC and Diamondback O&G LLC (the "Guarantor Subsidiaries") are guarantors under the indentures relating to the 2024 Senior Notes and the 2025 Senior Notes, as supplemented. In connection with the issuance of the 2024 Senior Notes and the 2025 Senior Notes (including the New 2025 Senior Notes), the Partnership, the General Partner, Viper Energy Partners LLC and Rattler Midstream LLC were designated

as Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries. The following presents condensed consolidated financial information for the Company (which for purposes of this Note 18 is referred to as the "Parent"), the Guarantor Subsidiaries and the Non–Guarantor Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. Elimination entries presented are necessary to combine the entities. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Rule 3-10 under the SEC's Regulation S-X. The financial information may not necessarily be indicative of results of operations, cash flows or financial position had the Guarantor Subsidiaries operated as independent entities. The Company has not presented separate financial and narrative information for each of the Guarantor Subsidiaries because it believes such financial and narrative information would not provide any additional information that would be material in evaluating the sufficiency of the Guarantor Subsidiaries.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet September 30, 2018 (In thousands)

(In thousands)			N 7		
		~	Non–		
	_	Guarantor	Guarantor		~
	Parent	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$471,148	\$20,469	\$16,829	\$—	\$508,446
Accounts receivable		226,299	38,018		264,317
Accounts receivable - related party	—	—	7,758	(7,758)	
Intercompany receivable	3,199,881	262,503	_	(3,462,384)	
Inventories		14,815			14,815
Other current assets	257	7,708	146		8,111
Total current assets	3,671,286	531,794	62,751	(3,470,142)	795,689
Property and equipment:					
Oil and natural gas properties, at cost, full cost		9,209,250	1,612,425	(3,297)	10,818,378
method of accounting		9,209,230	1,012,423	(3,297)	10,010,370
Midstream assets		355,758			355,758
Other property, equipment and land		80,194	5,688		85,882
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortizatio	n	(2 206 710)	(220.794)	(7.010)	(2545412)
and impairment		(2,306,710)	(230,784)	(7,918)	(2,545,412)
Net property and equipment		7,338,492	1,387,329	(11,215)	8,714,606
Funds held in escrow		62,034			62,034
Investment in subsidiaries	4,631,753	989		(4,632,742)	
Deferred tax asset			95,551		95,551
Investment in real estate, net		106,834			106,834
Other assets		8,513	23,346		31,859
Total assets	\$8,303,039	\$8,048,656	\$1,568,977	\$(8,114,099)	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable-trade	\$—	\$85,865	\$4	\$—	\$85,869
Intercompany payable		3,470,142		(3,470,142)	
Other current liabilities	41,026	590,186	4,706	<u> </u>	635,918
Total current liabilities	41,026	4,146,193	4,710	(3,470,142)	
Long-term debt	2,035,859		296,500		2,332,359
Derivative instruments		5,931			5,931
Asset retirement obligations		23,897			23,897
Deferred income taxes	292,795				292,795
Other long-term liabilities		7			7
Total liabilities	2,369,680	4,176,028	301,210	(3,470,142)	
Commitments and contingencies	2,307,000	4,170,020	501,210	(3,470,142)	5,570,770
Stockholders' equity	5,933,359	3,872,628	572,217	(4,444,845)	5 033 350
Non-controlling interest	5,755,559	5,072,020	695,550		496,438
Total equity		3,872,628	1,267,767	(4,643,957)	
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Total liabilities and equity

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31, 2017 (In thousands)					
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non– Guarantor s Subsidiarie	s Eliminatio	nConsolidated
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$54,074	\$ 34,175	\$ 24,197	\$ —	\$112,446
Accounts receivable		205,859	25,754	—	231,613
Accounts receivable - related party			5,142	(5,142)	<u> </u>
Intercompany receivable	2,624,810	2,267,308		(4,892)118	3—
Inventories		9,108	—		9,108
Other current assets	618	4,461	355		5,434
Total current assets	2,679,502	2,520,911	55,448	(4,897,)260) 358,601
Property and equipment:					
Oil and natural gas properties, at cost, full cost method of accounting		8,129,211	1,103,897	(414)	9,232,694
Midstream assets		191,519			191,519
Other property, equipment and land		80,776		—	80,776
Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	—	(1,976,248)	(189,466)	4,342	(2,161,372)
Net property and equipment		6,425,258	914,431	3,928	7,343,617
Funds held in escrow			6,304		6,304
Investment in subsidiaries	3,809,557	·		(3,809)557	7
Other assets		25,609	36,854	· · ·	