

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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

FORM 10-Q

☒ Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the period ended September 30, 2003

or

☐ Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 of 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_ to

Commission file number 033-63635-04

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number 55-0751154

PDC 1996-D LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as definition in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.)  
Yes    No XX

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Balance Sheets

September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2003</u> (Unaudited)	<u>2002</u>
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 3,671	3,352
Accounts receivable - oil and gas revenues	<u>226,013</u>	<u>144,773</u>
Total current assets	229,684	148,125
Oil and gas properties, successful efforts method	6,952,955	6,932,053
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	<u>4,278,027</u>	<u>4,104,822</u>
	<u>2,674,928</u>	<u>2,827,231</u>
	<u>\$ 2,904,612</u>	<u>2,975,356</u>
 <u>Current Liabilities and Partners' Equity</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	\$ <u>25,788</u>	<u>69,986</u>
Total current liabilities	25,788	69,986
Asset retirement obligation	30,094	-
Partners' Equity	<u>2,848,730</u>	<u>2,905,370</u>
	<u>\$2,904,612</u>	<u>2,975,356</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

Three Months and Nine Months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revenues:				
Sales of oil and gas	\$ 427,309	255,641	1,103,972	633,245
Interest income	<u>114</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>593</u>
	<u>427,423</u>	<u>255,962</u>	<u>1,104,361</u>	<u>633,838</u>
Expenses:				
Lifting cost	124,978	129,264	382,890	386,716
Direct administration cost	-	127	514	223
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	<u>54,434</u>	<u>64,341</u>	<u>160,829</u>	<u>197,634</u>
	<u>179,412</u>	<u>193,732</u>	<u>544,233</u>	<u>584,573</u>
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	248,011	62,230	560,128	49,265
Cumulative effect of accounting change	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,123)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income after cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ <u>248,011</u>	<u>62,230</u>	<u>539,005</u>	<u>49,265</u>
Net income per limited and additional general partner unit	\$ <u>260</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>52</u>

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Statement of Partners' Equity

Nine months ended September 30, 2003  
(Unaudited)

	Limited and Additional General <u>Partners</u>	Managing General <u>Partner</u>	Accumulated Other Comprehensive <u>Income</u>	<u>- Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2002	\$2,033,273	905,675	(33,578)	2,905,370
Distributions to partners	(512,314)	(112,804)	-	(625,118)
Comprehensive income:				
Net income	431,204	107,801	-	539,005
Change in fair value of outstanding hedging positions			23,322	
Less reclassification adjustments for settled contracts included in net income			<u>6,151</u>	
Other comprehensive income			29,473	<u>29,473</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>568,478</u>
Balance, September 30, 2003	<u>\$ 1,952,163</u>	<u>900,672</u>	<u>( 4,105)</u>	<u>2,848,730</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

Nine Months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002  
(Unaudited)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$539,005	49,265
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	160,829	197,634
Cumulative effect of accounting change	21,123	-
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	445	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable - oil and gas revenues	(80,538)	24,791
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(15,427)</u>	<u>(13,521)</u>
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>625,437</u>	<u>258,169</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Distributions to partners	<u>(625,118)</u>	<u>(257,801)</u>
Net cash used by financing activities	(625,118)	(257,801)
Net increase in cash	319	368
Cash at beginning of period	<u>3,352</u>	<u>2,833</u>
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 3,671</u>	<u>3,201</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)

1. Accounting Policies

Reference is hereby made to the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2002, which contains a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Partnership in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies were also followed in preparing the quarterly report included herein except as noted below.

2. Basis of Presentation

The Management of the Partnership believes that all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) necessary to a fair statement of the results of such periods have been made. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

3. Oil and Gas Properties

The Partnership follows the successful efforts method of accounting for the cost of exploring for and developing oil and gas reserves. Under this method, costs of development wells, including equipment and intangible drilling costs related to both producing wells and developmental dry holes, and successful exploratory wells are capitalized and amortized on an annual basis to operations by the units-of-production method using estimated proved developed reserves which will be determined at year end by the Managing General Partner's petroleum engineer. If a determination is made that an exploratory well has not discovered economically producible reserves, then its costs are expensed as dry hole costs.

4. Revenue Recognition

Sales of natural gas are recognized when the rights and responsibilities of ownership passes to the purchasers and are net of royalties.

5. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Managing General Partner utilizes commodity based derivative instruments as hedges to manage a portion of the Partnership's exposure to price volatility stemming from natural gas production. These instruments consist of costless collars and option contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The costless collars and option contracts hedge committed and anticipated natural gas sales generally forecasted to occur within a 12 month period. The Managing General Partner does not hold or issue derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

6. Change in Accounting Principle

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standard Board issued SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" that requires entities to record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred and a corresponding increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. The Partnership adopted SFAS No. 143 on January 1, 2003 and recorded a net asset of \$8,526 and a related liability of \$29,649 (using a 6% discount rate) and a cumulative effect on change in accounting principle on prior years of \$21,123.

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

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Partnership was funded on December 31, 1996 with initial Limited and Additional General Partner contributions of \$15,301,726 and the Managing General Partner's cash contribution of \$3,328,126 in accordance with the Agreement. After payment of syndication costs of \$1,606,681 and a one-time management fee to the Managing General Partner of \$382,543 the Partnership had available cash of \$16,640,628 for Partnership activities.

The Partnership began exploration and development activities subsequent to the funding of the Partnership and completed well drilling activities by March 31, 1997. Eighty-four wells have been drilled of which seventy-nine have been completed as producing wells.

The Partnership had net working capital at September 30, 2003 of \$203,896.

Operations are expected to be conducted with available funds and revenues generated from oil and gas activities. No bank borrowings are anticipated.

Results of Operations

Three months ended September 30, 2003 compared with September 30, 2002

Oil and gas sales for the three months ended September 30, 2003 were \$427,309 compared to \$255,641 for the three months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$171,668 or 67.2%. The volume of natural gas sold for the three months ended September 30, 2003, was 68,416 Mcf at an average sales price of \$6.25 per Mcf compared to 70,351 Mcf at an average price of \$3.63 per Mcf for the three months ended September 30, 2002. The Lifting cost for the three months ended September 30, 2003 was \$1.83 per Mcf compared to \$1.83 per Mcf for the three months ended September 30, 2002. While the Partnership experienced a net income of \$248,011, depreciation, depletion and amortization is a non-cash expense and therefore the Partnership distributed \$287,127 to the partners for the three months ending September 30, 2003.

Nine months ended September 30, 2003 compared with September 30, 2002

Oil and gas sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 were \$1,103,972 compared to \$633,245 for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$470,727 or 74.3%. The volume of natural gas sold for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, was 202,361 Mcf at an average sales price of \$5.45 per Mcf compared to 216,814 Mcf at an average price of \$2.92 per Mcf for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The Lifting cost for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was \$1.89 per Mcf compared to \$1.78 per Mcf for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. While the Partnership experienced a net income of \$539,005, depreciation, depletion and amortization is a non-cash expense and therefore the Partnership distributed \$625,118 to the partners for the nine months ending September 30, 2003.

The Partnership's revenue from oil and gas will be affected by changes in prices. As a result of changes in federal regulations, gas prices are highly dependent on the balance between supply and demand. The Partnership's gas sales prices are subject to increase and decrease based on various market sensitive indices.

Critical Accounting Policies

Certain accounting policies are very important to the portrayal of Partnership's financial condition and results of operations and require management's most subjective or complex judgments. The policies are as follows:



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Revenue Recognition. Sales of natural gas are recognized when the rights and responsibilities of ownership passes to the purchasers and are net of royalties.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. The Partnership assesses impairment of capitalized costs of proved oil and gas properties by comparing net capitalized costs to undiscounted future cash flows on a field-by-field basis using expected prices. Prices utilized in each year's calculation for measurement purposes and expected costs are held constant throughout the life of the properties. If net capitalized costs exceed undiscounted future net cash flow, the measurement of impairment is based on estimated fair value which would consider future discounted cash flows.

The judgment used in applying the above policies are based on management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates. See additional discussions in this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Rate Risk

Market-Sensitive Instruments and Risk Management

The Partnership's primary market risk exposure is commodity price risk. This exposure is discussed in detail below:

Commodity Price Risk

Natural gas and oil prices have been unusually volatile for the past few years, and the Partnership anticipates continued volatility in the future. Currently, the NYMEX futures reflect a market expectation of gas prices at Henry Hub close to or above record prices per million Btu's (mmbtu). These prices look strong for the remainder of the year although natural gas storage levels are near normal levels following a period when storage levels had been at a five-year low. The Partnership believes this situation creates the possibility of both periods of low prices and continued high prices.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding gas prices the Managing General Partner used hedging agreements to manage some of the impact of fluctuations in prices for the Managing General Partner and its various limited partnership's share of production. Through March of 2004 the Partnership has in place a series of costless collars and option contracts. Under the collar arrangements, if the applicable index rises above the ceiling price, the Partnership pays the counterparty, however if the index drops below the floor the counterparty pays the Partnership. For the month of October 2003, the Partnership has floors in place in a range from \$3.40 to \$4.25 on 22,508 Mmbtu of monthly production and ceilings in place in a range from \$3.80 to \$5.30 on 11,516 Mmbtu of monthly production. For the period November 2003 through March 2004, the Partnership has floors in place in a range from \$4.20 to \$4.45 on 7,328 Mmbtu of monthly production and ceilings in place in a range from \$5.00 to \$5.40 on 3,664 Mmbtu of monthly production.

As of September 30, 2003 the Partnership had option contracts for the sale of 18,321 Mmbtu of natural gas with an average ceiling price of \$5.23 and for the sale of 36,641 Mmbtu of natural gas with an average floor price of \$4.34. The fair value of all floors and ceilings as of September 30, 2003 is \$(4,105).

Disclosure of Limitations

As the information above incorporates only those exposures that exist at September 30, 2003, it does not consider those exposures or positions which could arise after that date. As a result, the Partnership's ultimate realized gain or loss with respect to commodity price fluctuations will depend on the exposures that arise during the period, the Partnership's hedging strategies at the time and commodity prices at the time.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Managing General Partner's management, including the Managing General Partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Partnership has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(c)) as of the end of this fiscal quarter, and, based on their evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective in all material respects, including those to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Managing General Partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow for timely disclosure. There have been no significant changes in our internal control or in other factors that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect these controls that occurred during the Partnership's last fiscal quarter.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

## (a) Exhibits

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(b) No reports on Form 8-K have been filed during the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

## SIGNATURES

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

PDC 1996-D Limited Partnership  
(Registrant)

By its Managing General Partner  
Petroleum Development Corporation

Date: November 12, 2003

/s/ James N. Ryan  
James N. Ryan  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 12, 2003

/s/ Steven R. Williams  
Steven R. Williams  
President

Date: November 12, 2003

/s/ Darwin L. Stump  
Darwin L. Stump  
Chief Financial Officer