

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, 2004

or

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

Commission file number 033-63635-04

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

PDC 1996-D LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(A West Virginia 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, 2004 and December 31, 2003

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2004</u> (Unaudited)	<u>2003</u>
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 513	3,789
Accounts receivable - oil and gas revenues	<u>214,345</u>	<u>150,105</u>
Total current assets	214,858	153,894
Oil and gas properties, successful efforts method	6,952,955	6,952,955
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	<u>4,470,572</u> <u>2,482,383</u>	<u>4,325,103</u> <u>2,627,852</u>
	\$ <u>2,697,241</u>	<u>2,781,746</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Partners' Equity</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	\$ <u>80,495</u>	<u>44,086</u>
Total current liabilities	80,495	44,086
Asset retirement obligations	32,842	31,428
Partners' Equity	<u>2,583,904</u>	<u>2,706,232</u>
	<u>\$2,697,241</u>	<u>2,781,746</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Operations

Three and Nine Months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenues:				
Sales of oil and gas	\$ 411,142	427,309	1,090,080	1,103,972
Interest income	<u>109</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>389</u>
	411,251	427,423	1,090,381	1,104,361
Expenses:				
Lifting cost	127,221	124,978	386,754	382,890
Direct administration cost	1,438	-	1,470	514
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	<u>47,022</u>	<u>54,434</u>	<u>145,469</u>	<u>160,829</u>
	<u>175,681</u>	<u>179,412</u>	<u>533,693</u>	<u>544,233</u>
Net income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	235,570	248,011	556,688	560,128
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,123)</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 235,570</u>	<u>248,011</u>	<u>556,688</u>	<u>539,005</u>
Net income per limited partner unit before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 246	260	582	586
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22)</u>
Net income per limited partner unit	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>564</u>

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Statement of Partners' Equity

Nine Months ended September 30, 2004  
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	<u>Limited Partners</u>	<u>Managing General Partner</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)</u>	<u>- Total</u>
Balance December 31, 2003	\$1,793,049	921,983	(8,800)	2,706,232
Distributions to partners	(517,253)	(111,253)	-	(628,506)
Comprehensive income:				
Net income	445,350	111,338	-	556,688
Change in fair value of outstanding hedging positions			(13,388)	
Less reclassification adjustments for settled contracts included in net income			<u>(37,122)</u>	
Other comprehensive loss			(50,510)	<u>(50,510)</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>506,178</u>
Balance September 30, 2004	<u>\$ 1,721,146</u>	<u>922,068</u>	<u>(59,310)</u>	<u>2,583,904</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

Nine Months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003  
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	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$556,688	539,005
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	145,469	160,829
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	21,123
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	1,414	445
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable - oil and gas revenues	(63,331)	(80,538)
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(15,010)</u>	<u>(15,427)</u>
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>625,230</u>	<u>625,437</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Distributions to partners	<u>(628,506)</u>	<u>(625,118)</u>
Net cash used by financing activities	(628,506)	(625,118)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(3,276)	319
Cash at beginning of period	<u>3,789</u>	<u>3,352</u>
Cash at end of period	\$ <u><u>513</u></u>	<u><u>3,671</u></u>

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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1. Accounting Policies

Reference is hereby made to the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2003, 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.

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, 2004 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 natural gas has been delivered to a custody transfer point, persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, the rights and responsibility of ownership pass to the purchaser upon delivery, collection of revenue from the sale is reasonably assured and the sales price is fixed or determinable. Natural gas is sold by the Managing General Partner under contracts with terms ranging from one month to three years. Virtually all of the Managing General Partner's contracts pricing provisions are tied to a market index, with certain adjustments based on, among other factors, whether a well delivers to a gathering or transmission line, quality of natural gas and prevailing supply and demand conditions, so that the price of the natural gas fluctuates to remain competitive with other available natural gas supplies. As a result, the Partnership's revenues from the sale of natural gas will suffer if market prices decline and benefit if they increase. The Managing General Partner believes that the pricing provisions of its natural gas contracts are customary in the industry.

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, option contracts and futures traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The costless collars, option contracts and futures hedge committed and anticipated natural gas sales generally forecasted to occur within a 24 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 of 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, 2004 of \$134,363.

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, 2004 compared with September 30, 2003

Oil and gas sales for the three months ended September 30, 2004 were \$411,142 compared to \$427,309 for the three months ended September 30, 2003, a decrease of \$16,167 or 3.8%. The volume of natural gas sold for the three months ended September 30, 2004, was 59,897 Mcf at an average sales price of \$6.86 per Mcf compared to 68,416 Mcf at an average price of \$6.25 per Mcf for the three months ended September 30, 2003. The Lifting cost for the three months ended September 30, 2004 was \$2.12 per Mcf compared to \$1.83 per Mcf for the three months ended September 30, 2003. While the Partnership experienced a net income of \$235,570, depreciation, depletion and amortization is a non-cash expense and therefore the Partnership distributed \$275,155 to the partners for the three months ended September 30, 2004.

Nine Months ended September 30, 2004 compared with September 30, 2003

Oil and gas sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 were \$1,090,080 compared to \$1,103,972 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, an decrease of \$13,892 or 1.3%. The volume of natural gas sold for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, was 183,450 Mcf at an average sales price of \$5.94 per Mcf compared to 216,814 Mcf at an average price of \$5.09 per Mcf for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. The Lifting cost for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was \$2.11 per Mcf compared to \$1.77 per Mcf for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. While the Partnership experienced a net income of \$556,688, depreciation, depletion and amortization is a non-cash expense and therefore the Partnership distributed \$628,506 to the partners for the nine months ending September 30, 2004.

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.



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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:

Revenue Recognition. Sales of natural gas are recognized when natural gas has been delivered to a custody transfer point, persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, the rights and responsibility of ownership pass to the purchaser upon delivery, collection of revenue from the sale is reasonably assured and the sales price is fixed or determinable. Natural gas is sold by the Managing General Partner under contracts with terms ranging from one month to three years. Virtually all of the Managing General Partner's contracts pricing provisions are tied to a market index, with certain adjustments based on, among other factors, whether a well delivers to a gathering or transmission line, quality of natural gas and prevailing supply and demand conditions, so that the price of the natural gas fluctuates to remain competitive with other available natural gas supplies. As a result, the Partnership's revenues from the sale of natural gas will suffer if market prices decline and benefit if they increase. The Managing General Partner believes that the pricing provisions of its natural gas contracts are customary in the industry.

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.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization

Exploration and development costs are accounted for by the successful efforts method.

Costs of proved properties including leasehold acquisition, exploration and development costs and equipment are depreciated or depleted by the unit-of-production method based on estimated proved developed oil and gas reserves.

The judgments 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.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

We have been made aware of an issue regarding the application of provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 141, "Business Combinations" and SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Tangible Assets," to companies in the extractive industries, including oil and gas companies. The issue was whether SFAS 142 requires registrants to reclassify cost associated with mineral rights, including both proved and unproved leasehold acquisition costs, as intangible assets in the balance sheet, apart from other capitalized oil and gas property costs. Historically, the Partnership and other oil and gas companies have included the cost of these oil and gas leasehold interests as part of oil and gas properties and provided the disclosures required by SFAS 69, "Disclosures about Oil and Gas Producing Activities."

Also under consideration was whether SFAS 142 requires registrants to provide the additional disclosure for intangible assets for costs associated with mineral rights. This issue as it pertains to oil and gas companies was referred to the FASB staff, and the staff issued a proposed FASB Staff Position ("FSP") on the matter on July 19, 2004. On September 2, 2004, the FASB issued FSP 142.2, "application of FASB Statement No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to Oil- and Gas- Producing Entities," which concluded that the scope exception in paragraph 8(b) of Statement 142 extends to the balance sheet classification and disclosure provisions for drilling and mineral rights of oil- and gas- producing entities. Therefore, there are no balance sheet reclassifications or additional disclosure requirements necessary.

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Disclosure Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements other than statements of historical facts included in and incorporated by reference into this Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Among those risks, trends and uncertainties are the Managing General Partner’s estimate of the sufficiency of its existing capital sources, its ability to raise additional capital to fund cash requirements for future operations, the uncertainties involved in estimating quantities of proved oil and natural gas reserves, in prospect development and property acquisitions and in projecting future rates of production, the timing of development expenditures and drilling of wells, and the operating hazards attendant to the oil and gas business. In particular, careful consideration should be given to cautionary statements made in the various reports the Partnership has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Partnership undertakes no duty to update or revise these forward-looking statements.

When used in the Form 10-Q, the words, “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Because these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements for a number of important reasons, including those discussed under “Management’s Discussions and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

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 2004 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 natural 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 October of 2005 the Partnership has in place costless collars (both ceilings and floors), option contracts and futures on part of our natural gas production. Under the costless collars 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.

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The following tables summarize the open futures and options contracts for the Partnership as of September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003.

Commodity	Type	Quantity Gas-Mmbtu	Weighted Average Price	Total Contract Amount	Fair Market Value
Total Contracts as of September 30, 2004					
Natural Gas	Purchase	822	4.82	3,957	1,562
Natural Gas	Sale Option	125,979	4.92	-	-
Natural Gas	Purchase Option	61,620	5.95	-	(60,871)
Contracts maturing in 12 months following September 30, 2004					
Natural Gas	Purchase	822	4.82	3,957	1,562
Natural Gas	Sale Option	117,763	4.96	-	-
Natural Gas	Purchase Option	57,512	6.01	-	(54,853)
Prior Year Total Contracts as of September 30, 2003					
Natural Gas	Purchase	3,664	3.80	13,924	(2,320)
Natural Gas	Sale Option	36,641	4.34	-	6,910
Natural Gas	Purchase Option	18,320	5.23	-	(8,695)

The maximum term over which the Partnership is hedging exposure to the variability of cash flows for commodity price risk is 13 months.

#### Disclosure of Limitations

As the information above incorporates only those exposures that exist at September 30, 2004, 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.

#### 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 Managing General Partner 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 and subsequent to the date of their evaluation.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Name	Exhibit Number
Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications by Chief Executive Officer	31.1
Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification by Chief Financial Officer	31.2
Section 1350 Certifications by Chief Executive Officer	32.1
Section 1350 Certifications by Chief Financial Officer	32.2

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

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

Date: November 10, 2004

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

Date: November 10, 2004