
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 quarterly period ended March 31, 2001

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 333-59597

Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

39-1715851
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

**Lake Superior Place
21 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802-2067**
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(218) 725-0100
(Registrant's 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 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 ☒ No ☐

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Partnership's beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Partnership. When used in this document, the words "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "forecast," "project," and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect the Partnership's current views with respect to future events and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions including:

- *the Partnership's dependence upon adequate supplies of and demand for western Canadian crude oil,*
- *the Partnership's ability to acquire other companies and assets,*
- *the price of crude oil and the willingness of shippers to ship crude oil,*
- *regulation of the Partnership's tariffs by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the possibility of unfavorable outcomes of future tariff proceedings, and*
- *the effects of competition, in particular, by other pipeline systems.*

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this Form 10-Q. Except as required by applicable securities laws, the Partnership does not intend to update these forward-looking statements. For additional discussion of such risks, uncertainties and assumptions, see the Partnership's 2000 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAKEHEAD PIPE LINE COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF INCOME

(unaudited; dollars in millions)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
Operating Revenue	\$71.9	\$78.8
Expenses		
Power	11.7	12.5
Operating and administrative	20.1	17.7
Depreciation	15.4	15.3
	47.2	45.5
Operating Income	24.7	33.3
Interest and Other Income	0.7	1.6
Interest Expense	(15.2)	(14.6)
Net Income	\$10.2	\$20.3

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

LAKEHEAD PIPE LINE COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

<i>(unaudited; dollars in millions)</i>	Three months ended March 31,	
	2001	2000
Cash Provided from Operating Activities		
Net income	\$10.2	\$20.3
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided from operating activities:		
Depreciation	15.4	15.3
Other	1.0	(0.3)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable and other	1.7	3.5
Oil Inventory	2.1	(1.3)
Materials and supplies	-	(0.3)
General Partner and affiliates	4.7	(0.4)
Accounts payable and other	(3.8)	(0.5)
Interest payable	12.5	10.3
Property and other taxes	2.9	2.9
	46.7	49.5
Investing Activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(2.4)	(0.2)
Repayments from affiliate	0.1	0.9
Changes in construction payables	(4.0)	(0.2)
	(6.3)	0.5
Financing Activities		
Variable rate financing, net	-	(10.0)
Debt financing costs	(0.1)	-
Distributions to partners	(27.9)	(27.9)
	(28.0)	(37.9)
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents *	12.4	12.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	37.2	40.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$49.6	\$52.1

* Cash equivalents are defined as all highly marketable securities with a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

LAKEHEAD PIPE LINE COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	March 31, 2001	December 31, 2000
<i>(unaudited, except for December 31, 2000; dollars in millions)</i>		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$49.6	\$37.2
Due from General Partner and affiliates	-	1.5
Advances to affiliate	5.8	5.9
Oil inventory	6.8	8.9
Accounts receivable and other	24.0	25.7
Materials and supplies	7.7	7.7
	93.9	86.9
Deferred Charges and Other	7.0	7.9
Property, Plant and Equipment		
At cost	1,590.9	1,588.5
Accumulated depreciation	(322.0)	(306.6)
	1,268.9	1,281.9
	\$1,369.8	\$1,376.7
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities		
Due to General Partner and affiliates	\$3.2	\$ -
Loan from Lakehead Pipe Line Partners, L.P	0.2	0.2
Accounts payable and other	9.6	17.4
Interest payable	19.0	6.5
Property and other taxes	17.3	14.4
	49.3	38.5
Other Deferred Credits	1.0	-
Long-Term Debt	799.3	799.3
Contingencies (<i>Note 3</i>)		
	849.6	837.8
Partners' Capital		
Limited Partner	518.2	535.7
General Partner	3.0	3.2
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (<i>Notes 4 & 5</i>)	(1.0)	-
	520.2	538.9
	\$1,369.8	\$1,376.7

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

LAKEHEAD PIPE LINE COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL

<i>(Unaudited, except for December 31, 2000 dollars in millions)</i>	Limited Partner	General Partner	Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
Partners' Capital at December 31, 2000	\$535.7	\$3.2	\$ –	\$538.9
Net Income Allocation	10.1	0.1	–	10.2
Distributions to Partners	(27.6)	(0.3)	–	(27.9)
Floating to Fixed Interest Rate Swaps	–	–	(1.0)	(1.0)
Partners' Capital at March 31, 2000	\$518.2	\$3.0	\$(1.0)	\$520.2

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, they contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which management considers necessary to present fairly the financial position as at March 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000; the results of operations for the three month periods ended March 31, 2001 and 2000; and cash flows for the three month periods ended March 31, 2001 and 2000. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2001 should not be taken as indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's financial statements and notes thereto presented in the Partnership's 2000 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

2. Comparative Amounts

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current quarter's financial statement presentation.

3. Environmental Contingencies

The Partnership is subject to federal and state laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. Environmental risk is inherent to liquid pipeline operations and the Partnership could, at times, be subject to environmental cleanup and enforcement actions. The General Partner manages this environmental risk through appropriate environmental policies and practices to minimize the impact to the Partnership. To the extent that the Partnership is unable to recover environmental costs in its rates (if not recovered through insurance), the General Partner has agreed to indemnify the Partnership from and against any costs relating to environmental liabilities associated with the pipeline system prior to its transfer to the Partnership in 1991. This excludes any liabilities resulting from a change in laws after such transfer. The Partnership continues to voluntarily investigate past leak sites for the purpose of assessing whether any remediation is required in light of current regulations, and to date no material environmental risks have been identified.

4. Adoption of New Accounting Standard

During 2001, the Partnership adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This Statement requires that all derivatives be recognized at fair value in the balance sheet and all changes in fair value be recognized currently in earnings or deferred as a component of other comprehensive income, depending on the intended use of the derivative, its resulting designation and its effectiveness.

The Partnership enters into forward interest rate agreements, swaps and collars to hedge against the effect of future interest rate movements on its borrowings. These agreements meet the criteria for hedge accounting and are being treated as cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133. The transition adjustment at January 1, 2001 was recorded as a liability and a reduction in other comprehensive income of \$0.1 million. At March 31, 2001, this liability increased \$0.9 million to \$1.0 million due to revaluation of the floating to fixed interest rate swaps held by the Partnership and is reflected in Partners' Capital on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The cumulative fair value of the interest rate hedges is included as a reduction in other comprehensive income in the first quarter of 2001. The amounts accumulated in other comprehensive income are recognized in earnings as settlements of the swaps occur. The Partnership does not intend to settle the forward interest rate swaps until their maturity date. Therefore, there is no forecasted impact to earnings within the next twelve months.

5. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 was \$9.2 million (quarter ended March 31, 2000 - \$20.3 million). Comprehensive income is the change in equity of a business enterprise from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period, except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Comprehensive income for the Partnership includes the earnings for the current period less the impact of the floating to fixed interest rate swap derivative instruments, described in Note 4 above.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Results of Operations

Net income for first quarter 2001 was \$10.2 million, compared with 2000 first quarter net income of \$20.3 million, a decrease of \$10.1 million. The decrease in net income was a result of lower operating revenue due to reduced deliveries, a lower tariff related to the System Expansion Program II (“SEP II”) and shorter average haul distance, as well as an increase in oil measurement losses.

Operating revenue for first quarter 2001 was \$71.9 million, \$6.9 million lower than first quarter 2000. This decline is primarily attributable to reduced deliveries, a shorter average haul distance as well as a lower tariff related to SEP II. Deliveries averaged 1,347,000 barrels per day (“bpd”) for the first quarter 2001, down 1% from the 1,362,000 bpd averaged for the first quarter last year. These lower deliveries, along with one less pumping day in 2001 compared to first quarter last year, had the impact of reducing revenue by approximately \$1.7 million. The average haul distance during the first quarter 2001 was shorter, as there was an increase in deliveries to Clearbrook, Minnesota compared to last year. Some of the refineries in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area were processing more western Canadian heavy crude than last year, due to the favorable pricing environment for heavy crude. The shorter average haul distance had a negative impact on revenue by approximately \$1.0 million. Finally, the SEP II tariff was lower in the first quarter 2001, as it was based on full year deliveries in the April 2000 tariff filing compared to 11 months of deliveries in the initial April 1999 tariff filing. Eleven months of deliveries was used in the initial filing, due to the timing of the in-service date for the project. As a result, first quarter 2001 revenue was lower by approximately \$1.0 million. The Partnership anticipates that deliveries will improve over the remainder of 2001 to average between 1.40 and 1.45 million bpd on a full year basis. Based on this forecast, the Partnership estimates net income will be between \$75 million and \$80 million in 2001. System utilization, measured in barrel miles, was 83 billion for the first quarter 2001, as compared to 85 billion for last year’s first quarter, reflecting the decrease in deliveries by the Partnership and lower average haul.

Total operating expenses for first quarter 2001 increased \$1.7 million, or 3.7%, from the corresponding period of 2000. The increase resulted from higher operating and administrative costs offset partially by lower power costs. Operating and administrative expenses increased primarily due to an increase in oil measurement losses resulting from oil price differentials and degradation costs. These increases were partially offset by lower power costs associated with reduced deliveries.

Interest expense was \$15.2 million for first quarter 2001, compared to \$14.6 million for the same period last year. The increase in 2001 reflects the higher interest rate associated with the senior unsecured notes that were issued in November 2000. The rate on these notes is 7.9%, which is higher than the rate on the bank debt that was repaid with the net proceeds from this issuance.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Partnership anticipates that it will continue to have adequate liquidity to fund future recurring operating, investing and financing activities. The Partnership intends to fund ongoing capital expenditures with borrowings, cash generated from operating activities, existing cash and cash equivalents and the proceeds from future partner capital contributions and debt offerings. Cash distributions are expected to be funded with internally generated cash. The Partnership’s ability to complete future debt offerings and receive partner capital contributions and the timing of any such transactions will depend on various factors including prevailing market conditions, interest rates and the financial condition of the Partnership.

At March 31, 2001, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$49.6 million, as compared to \$37.2 million at December 31, 2000. Of this \$49.6 million, \$27.9 million (\$0.875 per unit) will be used for the cash distribution payable May 15, 2001, with the remaining \$21.7 million available for capital expenditures or other business needs.

Cash flow from operating activities for first quarter 2001 was \$46.7 million, as compared with \$49.5 million for the same period last year. Cash flow from operating activities decreased due to lower net income, but was partially offset by changes in working capital.

The Partnership anticipates spending approximately \$9.0 million for pipeline system enhancements, \$10.0 million for core maintenance, and \$9.0 million on expansion activities in 2001. Excluding major expansion projects, ongoing capital expenditures are expected to average approximately \$20.0 million on an annual basis (approximately 50% for core maintenance and 50% for enhancement of the pipeline system). Core maintenance activities, such as the replacement of equipment and preventive maintenance programs, will be undertaken to enable the Partnership's pipeline system to continue to operate at its maximum operating capacity. Enhancements to the pipeline system, such as renewal and replacement of pipe, are expected to extend the life of the Lakehead System and permit the Partnership to respond to developing industry and government standards and the changing service expectations of its customers.

General

Future Prospects

The Partnership believes that it is well positioned for future growth. This growth is expected to come from two sources: growth of the existing Lakehead System, and development or acquisition of complimentary businesses with a similar risk profile to that of the Lakehead System.

Income and cash flows of the Partnership's existing pipeline business are sensitive to oil industry supply and demand in Canada and the United States and to the regulatory environment. As the Partnership's pipeline system is operationally integrated with the Enbridge Pipelines Inc. system ("Enbridge Pipelines System") in western Canada, the Partnership's revenues are dependent upon the utilization of the Enbridge Pipelines System by producers of western Canadian crude oil.

The Partnership recently completed its annual survey of upstream producers related to the long-term supply potential of liquid hydrocarbons from the western Canadian basin. The survey, which is generally consistent with results of a forecast by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, indicates that production is expected to climb steadily over the next several years, as increased heavy and synthetic crude oil are expected to offset declines in conventional supply. This forecast is consistent with the recent request by shippers to trigger Phase II of the Terrace Expansion Program ("Terrace") to increase capacity by 40,000 barrels per day on the Enbridge Pipelines System. As well, shippers have requested that delivery capability of the Lakehead System in the major Chicago-area refining center be enhanced by late 2003. Enbridge and Lakehead are in discussions with customers regarding further system expansion to handle crude oil transportation requirements in late 2003 and beyond, in particular, the timing and specifications for Terrace Phase III. Terrace is a multi-stage expansion program designed to provide an additional net 350,000 barrels per day of heavy crude oil transportation capacity on the Lakehead System.

Diversification of the Partnership's energy transportation business is a key objective of its strategic plan. Business development efforts to grow through the development of complementary businesses and through acquisitions are a focus of the strategic plan. The Partnership regularly analyzes and discusses with others potential acquisitions, some of which may be significant relative to its current size. The Partnership intends to finance its acquisition activities through a combination of new financing, but its growth may be restrained if debt and equity capital are not available to it on acceptable terms or if it cannot obtain necessary approvals, including any required special committee approvals.

On March 8, 2001, the Partnership announced a definitive agreement to acquire the assets of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) from its affiliate, Enbridge Inc. ("Enbridge"). The assets consist of a 950-mile crude oil pipeline system with capacity of 84,000 barrels per day, which transports crude oil from Montana, North Dakota and western Canadian oil fields to the Lakehead System and a connecting carrier at Clearbrook, Minnesota. The purchase price for this transaction is approximately \$33.0 million, and the closing is expected to occur in late May 2001. The terms of this acquisition were negotiated and approved by a special committee of independent directors of the general partner.

The Partnership may in the future acquire other mature energy transportation assets from Enbridge. Those acquisitions may include a portion of the assets recently acquired by Enbridge in connection with its acquisition of Midcoast Energy Resources Inc. of Houston in a transaction valued at approximately \$600 million. Midcoast transports, gathers, processes and markets natural gas and other petroleum products through over 80 company-owned pipelines covering approximately 4,100 miles in 10 states, the Gulf of Mexico and Canada.

Neither the Partnership nor Enbridge has identified any particular assets owned by Enbridge for transfer to the Partnership, and no proposal for an acquisition of any of these assets is currently pending. The Partnership cannot predict which, if any, energy transportation assets owned by Enbridge it may ultimately acquire or the terms of any such acquisitions. Any acquisitions from Enbridge will depend on a number of factors including the availability of acceptable alternative acquisition opportunities from third parties and the Partnership's financing capability at the time acquisition opportunities may arise.

Regulatory Issues

On March 20, 2001, the Partnership filed a new tariff with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), which took effect April 1, 2001. This new tariff reflects the annual adjustment to the SEP II surcharge, including a true-up of the 2000 actual SEP II cost of service, along with an estimate for 2001. The amount of the true-up of the 2000 actual SEP II cost of service was \$7.1 million, including interest. The tariff allows the Partnership to recover the cost of service for SEP II facilities and earn a return on its SEP II equity investment, which varies with the utilization of SEP II capacity on the Enbridge System in western Canada. During 2001, the Partnership will earn a 7.5% return on its SEP II equity investment, the minimum provided in the SEP II Tariff Agreement. The filing also included a reallocation of the Terrace fixed toll of Cdn. \$0.05 per barrel between the Partnership and Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Effective April 1, 2001, these two parties agreed to reallocate the toll surcharge, Cdn. \$0.04 (\$0.026 U.S.) to the Partnership and Cdn. \$0.01 to Enbridge Pipelines Inc. This re-allocation is permitted under the terms of the Tariff Agreement.

Houston Texas Office

On May 14, 2001, the Partnership announced the intention to relocate all of the administrative support functions provided by its Duluth, Minnesota office to Houston, Texas. The relocation is expected to be completed by January 1, 2002. The Partnership estimates that its share of these relocation costs may range from \$2.0 to \$5.0 million. The costs to the Partnership of the relocation are not expected to adversely affect the Partnership's ability to make cash distributions at the current rate.

ITEM 3. *QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK*

The Partnership’s financial instrument market risk is primarily impacted by changes in interest rates. The Partnership’s exposure to movements in interest rates is managed through its long-term debt ratio target, its allocation of fixed and floating rate debt, and the use of interest rate risk management agreements. Information about the Partnership’s financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates has not changed from that presented in the Partnership’s 2000 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As the Partnership does not own the crude oil and natural gas liquids (“NGL”) it transports, its cash flows are not directly impacted by changes in commodity prices. However, commodity prices have a direct impact on the underlying supply and demand for crude oil and NGL which impacts volumes transported by the Partnership.

The Partnership does not currently hold or issue derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Partnership is a participant in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Some of these proceedings are covered, in whole or in part, by insurance. The Partnership believes that the outcome of all these proceedings will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Partnership.

For information regarding other legal proceedings arising in 2000 or with regard to which material developments were reported during 2000, see Part I. Item 3., "Legal Proceedings," in the Partnership's 2000 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

a) Exhibits

None.

b) Reports on Form 8-K

A report on Form 8-K was filed March 13, 2001, submitting a press release dated March 8, 2001, announcing Board of Director approval for the acquisition of 100% of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) Inc.

A report of Form 8-K was filed April 27, 2001, submitting an audited Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc., the General Partner of Lakehead Pipe Line Partners, L.P., at December 31, 2000 and 1999, together with the report of Independent Public Accountants.

SIGNATURE

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.

Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Limited Partnership
(Registrant)

By: Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc.
as General Partner

/s/ J. L. Balko

J.L. Balko
Chief Accountant
(Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

Dated: May 14 , 2001