

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**December 10, 2007**

*Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)*



**Petroleum Development Corporation**

*Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter*

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Nevada</b>           | <b>0-7246</b>      | <b>95-2636730</b>     |
| <i>State or Other</i>   | <i>Commission</i>  | <i>IRS Employer</i>   |
| <i>Jurisdiction</i>     | <i>File Number</i> | <i>Identification</i> |
| <i>of Incorporation</i> |                    | <i>Number</i>         |

**120 Genesis Boulevard, Bridgeport, WV 26330**

*Address of Principal Executive Offices*

**304-842-3597**

*Registrant's telephone number, including area code*

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**No Change**

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

During the week of December 10, 2007, Steven R. Williams, Chairman and CEO of Petroleum Development Corporation will make a presentation to analysts. A copy of the text of the presentation is attached herein.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

**PowerPoint Text:** Petroleum Development Corporation, December 2007 Update.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Date: December 10, 2007

By: /s/ Richard W. McCullough  
Richard W. McCullough  
Chief Financial Officer



# **Petroleum Development Corporation**

**December 2007  
Update**

**Steven R. Williams, Chairman & CEO**

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# Forward Looking Statements



This information contains predictions, estimates and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although the Company believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its goals will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements include the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices for oil and gas, the need to develop and replace reserves, environmental risks, drilling and operating risks, risks related to exploration and development, uncertainties about the estimates of reserves, competition, government regulation and the ability of the Company to meet its stated business goals.

The SEC permits oil and gas companies to disclose in their filings with the SEC only proved reserves, which are reserve estimates that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. The Company uses in this presentation the terms “probable” and “possible” reserves, which SEC guidelines prohibit in filings of U.S. registrants. Probable reserves are unproved reserves that are more likely than not to be recoverable. Possible reserves are unproved reserves that are less likely to be recoverable than probable reserves. Estimates of probable and possible reserves which may potentially be recoverable through additional drilling or recovery techniques are by nature more uncertain than estimates of proved reserves and accordingly are subject to substantially greater risk of not actually being realized by the Company. In addition, the Company’s production forecasts and expectations for future periods are dependent upon many assumptions, including estimates of production decline rates from existing wells and the undertaking and outcome of future drilling activity, which may be affected by significant commodity price declines or drilling cost increases.



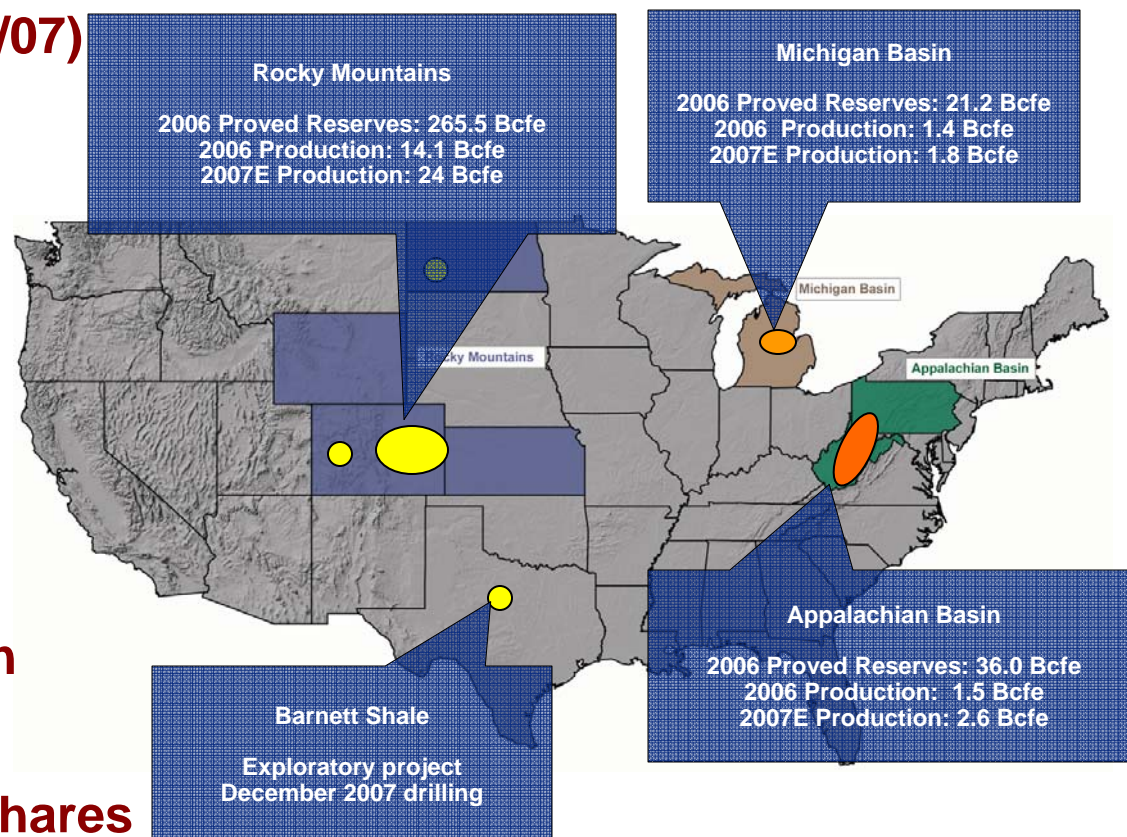
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# Company Snapshot



- ❖ **Market Cap (12/06/07)**
  - \$795 million
- ❖ **Estimated 2007 Year-end Proved Reserves**
  - 650+ Bcfe\*
- ❖ **3-P Reserves @ YE2007**
  - 1+ TCFE\*\*
- ❖ **Annual Production**
  - 28 Bcfe (2007E)
- ❖ **Diluted Average Shares Outstanding (2007)**
  - Down 7.5% from 2006



\* Reserves are based on internal Company estimates.

\*\* Reserves included in probable and possible categories do not meet the SEC definitions of proved reserves and may be subject to greater risk of recovery than reserves meeting SEC requirements.

# Key Value Drivers



- **Proven Track Record**

- 5-year 850% return to shareholders
- 66% year-over-year production growth
- 55% year-over-year reserve growth

- **Visible Built-in-Growth**

- More than 1 Tcfe of 3P reserves provides significant near-term growth potential
- Large multi-year, low risk drilling inventory
- Recently added 47 Bcfe of proved reserves in Southwestern Pennsylvania (15.8 Bcfe producing)

- **Strong Financial Position**

- Strong balance sheet
- Debt-to-cap 26% (end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr)



# Third Quarter Highlights



- Record three month production of 7.72 Bcfe
  - Record nine month production of 19.5 Bcfe
  - On track with 28 Bcfe guidance for 2007
- Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations\* = \$31.6 million; up substantially despite impact of lower realized prices in Rockies
- Drilled 95 gross new wells including 4 in the Appalachian Basin
  - 80.8 net wells
  - 264 gross (220.4 net) wells for 9 months

\* Adjusted cash flow from operations is defined as cash flow from operations before changes in assets and liabilities. EBITDA is defined as Net Income + Interest, net + Income Taxes + Depreciation, depletion, amortization. These are non-GAAP measures. See slide 27 for further information.

# Summary Financial Results

(\$ in millions, except for per share data)

|                                    | Third Quarter |        | Nine Months Ended Sep 30 |         |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                    | 2006          | 2007   | 2006                     | 2007    |
| <b>Revenues</b>                    | \$70.8        | \$76.3 | \$218.3                  | \$210.1 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>              | \$58.2        | \$66.4 | \$175.9                  | \$192.4 |
| <b>Income from Operations*</b>     | \$340.6       | \$9.9  | \$370.4                  | \$43.3  |
| <b>Net Income*</b>                 | \$210.9       | \$4.5  | \$229.8                  | \$25.0  |
| <b>Diluted Earnings Per Share*</b> | \$13.33       | \$0.30 | \$14.32                  | \$1.68  |

\*Includes \$328 million in 2006 and \$25.6 million in 2007 (9 months only) for gain on sale of leaseholds related to the Marathon lease sale.





# Investments Adding Value

(\$ in million, except for Mcfe Data)

- Results of investments in people & production

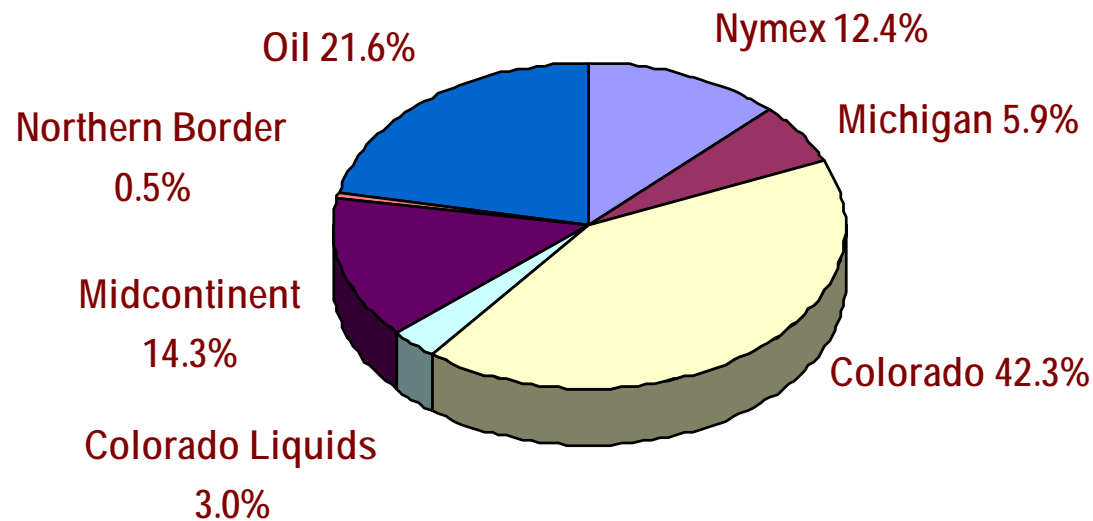
| Expense Category                 | Third Quarter |               | Nine Months Ended Sep 30 |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                                  | 2006          | 2007          | 2006                     | 2007          |
| Oil & gas production & well ops. | \$8.6         | \$12.6        | \$22.4                   | \$33.3        |
| <i>Per Mcfe</i>                  | <i>\$1.99</i> | <i>\$1.64</i> | <i>\$1.84</i>            | <i>\$1.71</i> |
| General & administrative expense | \$5.3         | \$7.5         | \$14.2                   | \$21.8        |
| <i>Per Mcfe</i>                  | <i>\$1.24</i> | <i>\$0.97</i> | <i>\$1.17</i>            | <i>\$1.12</i> |
| DD&A                             | \$8.3         | \$20.4        | \$22.5                   | \$50.9        |
| <i>Per Mcfe</i>                  | <i>\$1.92</i> | <i>\$2.64</i> | <i>\$1.85</i>            | <i>\$2.61</i> |



# Diverse Energy Market Exposure

## Percentage of Production by Market

(Based on Mcfe)



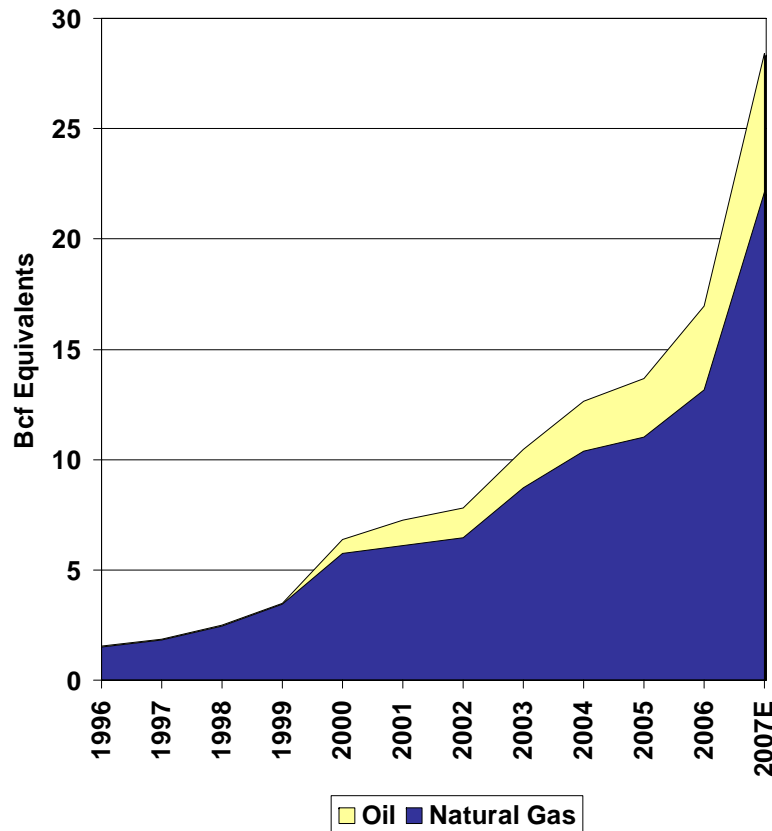
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# Continuing Our Success



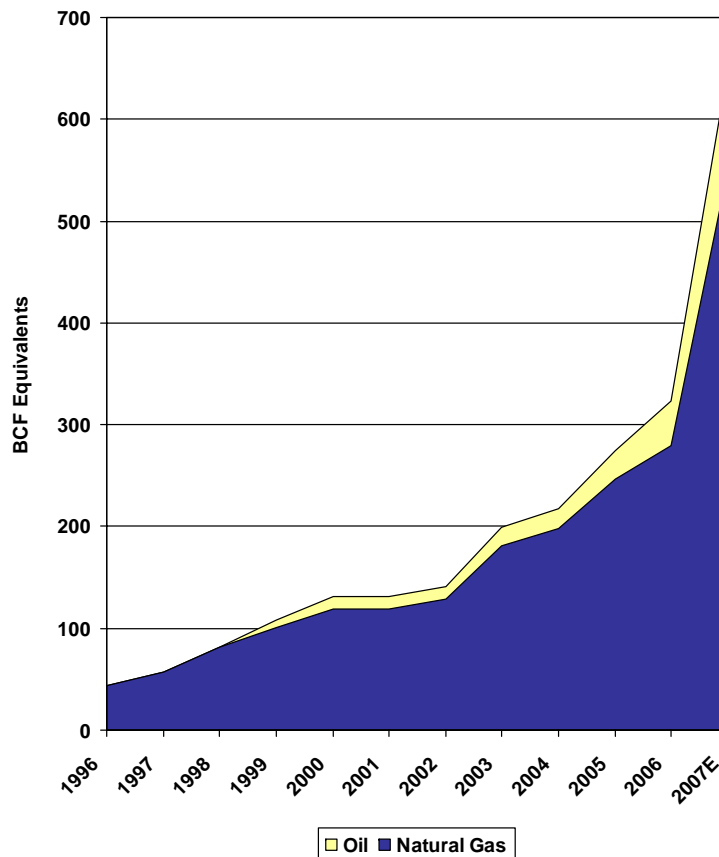
- **Colorado Acquisitions - production and development opportunities**
- **Active development program**
  - On existing and acquired properties
  - 375 planned wells for 2007
- **Operations enhancements**
  - Piceance Basin Compression
  - Garden Gulch road completed
  - Codell recompletions and Niobrara refracs
- **Acquired acreage and preparing to commence drilling in Barnett shale in December 2007**
- **Pennsylvania acquisition - production and development opportunities**

# Increasing Production



- Record 7.7 Bcfe 3Q07
- On track to meet 28 Bcfe annual guidance
- YTD Production by area
  - Rocky Mountains = 83.6%
    - 75.7% Natural Gas
    - 24.3% Oil
  - Appalachian Basin = 9.8%
  - Michigan = 6.6%

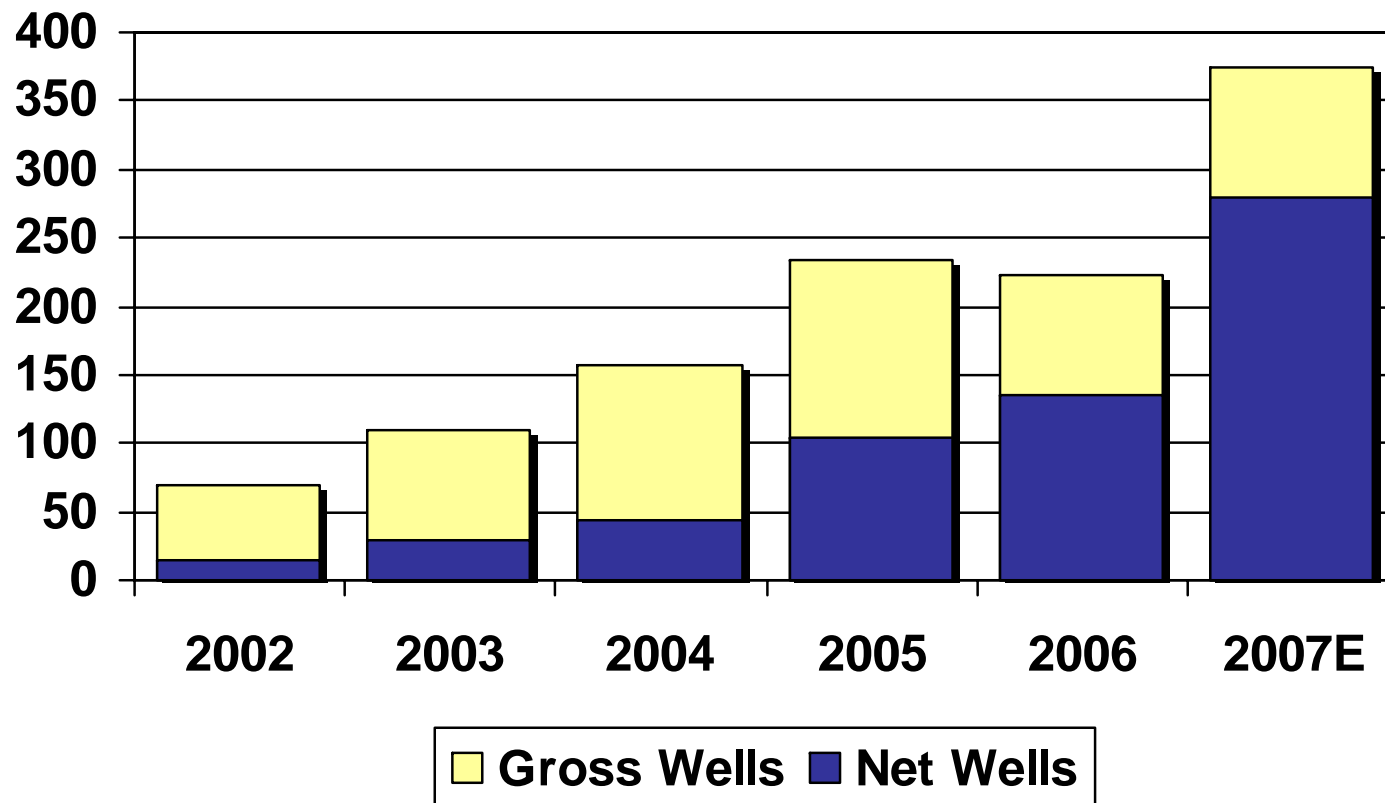
# Increasing Estimated Proved Reserves



- Anticipate greater than 650+ Bcfe proved reserves for YE 2007
  - Additions through both the drill bit and acquisitions
- Active areas primarily in Colorado - Piceance, Wattenberg and NECO
- Southwestern Pennsylvania acquisition

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# Drilling Activity

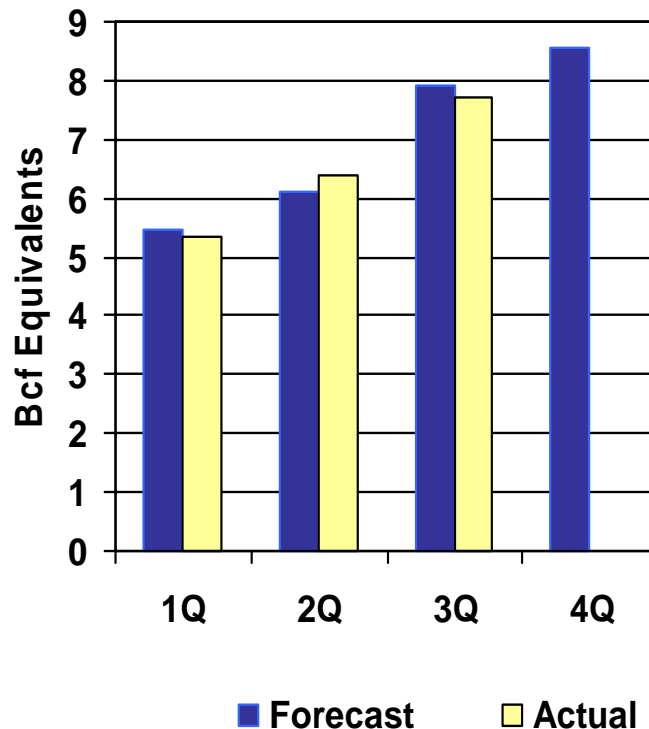


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# 2007 Actual vs. Production Forecast

2007 Production Forecast



- Estimated 2007 Production of 28 Bcfe
  - Nine month production of 19.5 Bcfe
- Estimated 2007 Exit Rate approximately 100 MMcfd
- Back-log of wells awaiting turn-in in Grand Valley, Wattenberg and NECO areas
- Challenge to meet production goal
  - Fourth qtr curtailment

# Enhancements to 2007 Operational Plan



- **Acquired 47 Bcfe of proved reserves in Southwestern Pennsylvania**
- **Increased net Grand Valley wells**
- **Increased CAPEX in Codell refracs and Niobrara recompletions**
  - **Originally modeled Codell only completions; actual wells are multi-zone completions (J-sand, Codell and Niobrara, as appropriate)**
  - **Drilling fewer net Wattenberg wells**
- **Reduced activity level in ND and reallocated capital**

# Development Plans



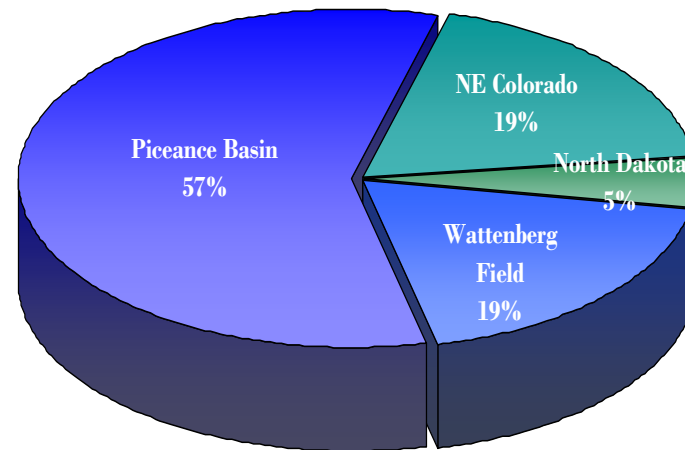
▪ **Grand Valley  
offset locations**

▪ **Wattenberg field  
locations (5<sup>th</sup> spot,  
rule 318A and 40  
acre locations)**

▪ **Locations  
identified by  
seismic and  
offsets to  
producing wells in  
NE Colorado**

▪ **31.2 Bcfe in  
Southwestern  
Pennsylvania**

**Over 400 Bcfe of Probable and Possible Reserves  
for Future Development**

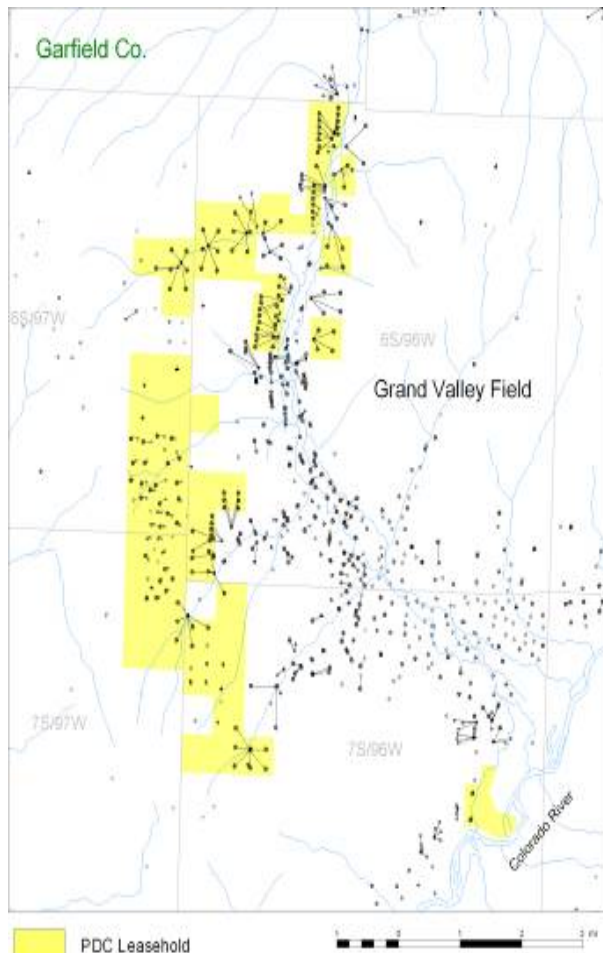


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# Grand Valley Field

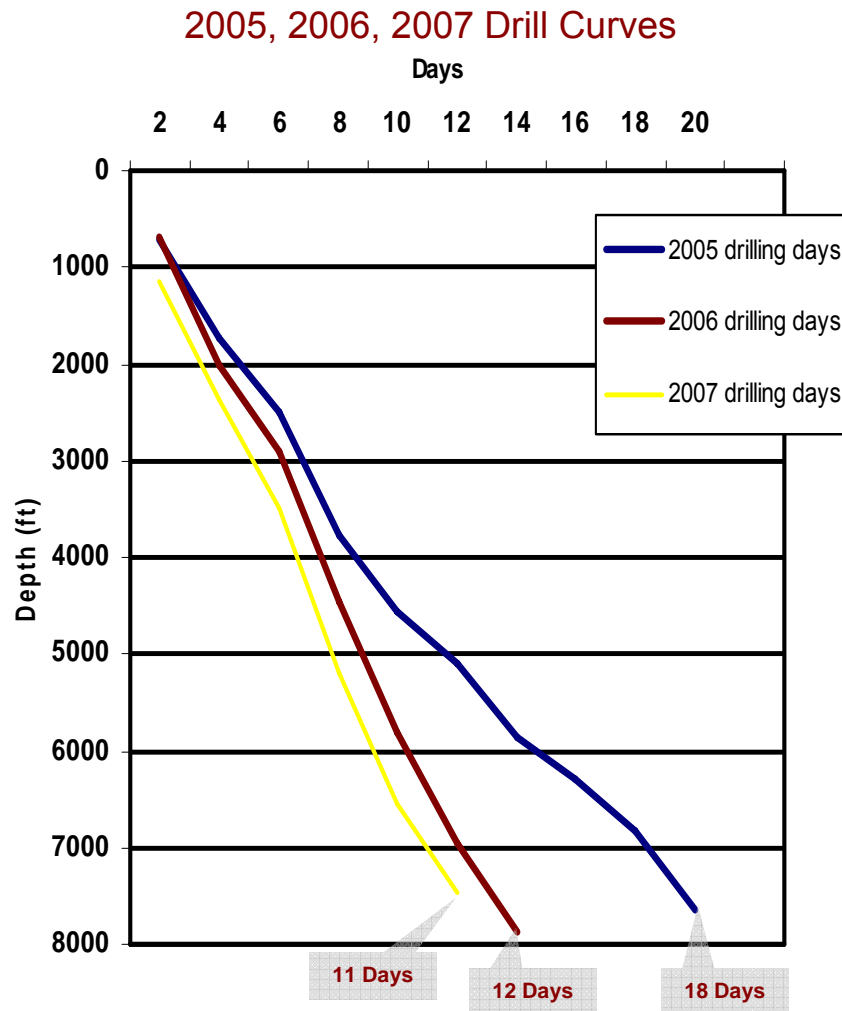
## Piceance Basin, Colorado



### 2007 Plan

- **September 2007 net daily production 31 Mmcfe/d (2006 exit rate was 15.4 Mmcfe/d)**
- **Approximately 355 net locations on 10-acre spacing**
  - 148 net PUD locations
  - 207 remaining unproved locations
- **Drill 41 net wells**
  - 50 Bcfe added by drilling
  - \$93 Million D&C cost

# Grand Valley Achievements

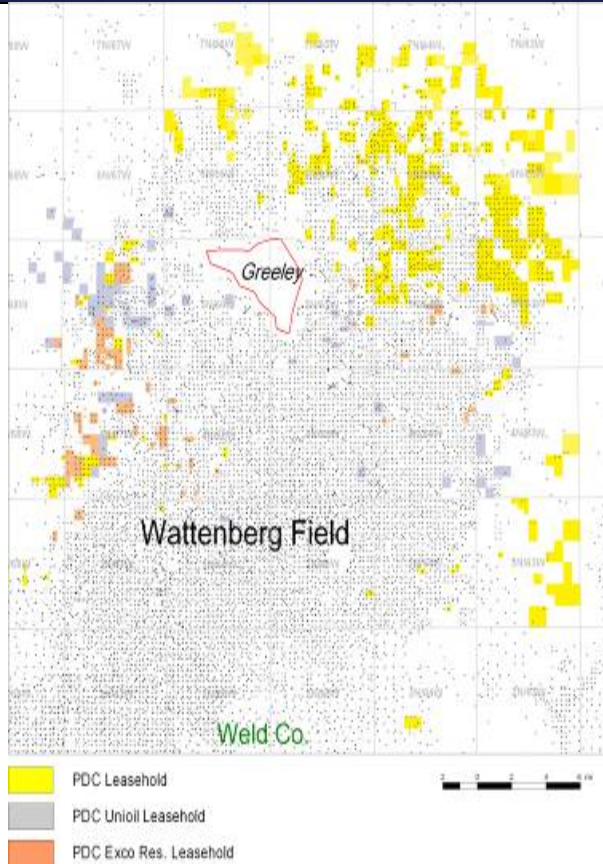


- **Reduced drilling time**
  - Valley wells drilled in 11 days (2007) vs 18 days (2005)
  - Mesa top directional wells drilled in 15 days (2007)
- **Improved Completion Design**
  - *Slick Water Fracs* – cleaner, non-gelled fluid results in improved EURS
  - 20% increase of per-well EURs from 1.25 to 1.5 Bcfe
  - Increase IP rate from 820 to 1,100 Mcfd



# Wattenberg Field

## DJ Basin, Colorado

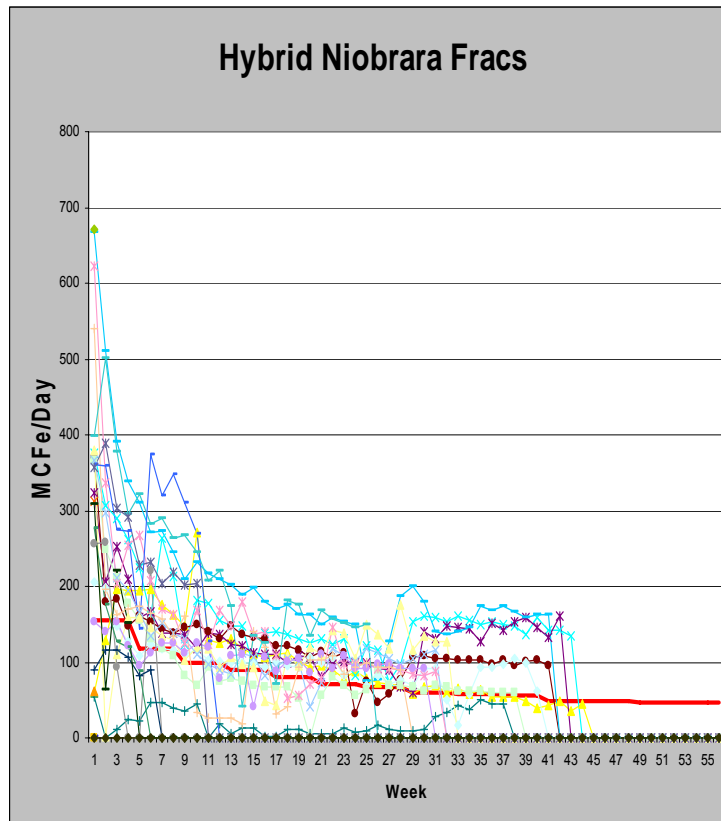


- **September 2007 net daily production 36 Mmcfe/d (2006 net exit rate 18.6 Mmcfe/d)**
- **3P reserves include over 900 net undeveloped locations:**
  - 40 acre PUD locations
  - Rule 318AE locations
  - 5<sup>th</sup> spot locations
- **Future opportunity of 800 Codell and/or Niobrara refracs**



# Wattenberg Field

## DJ Basin, Colorado

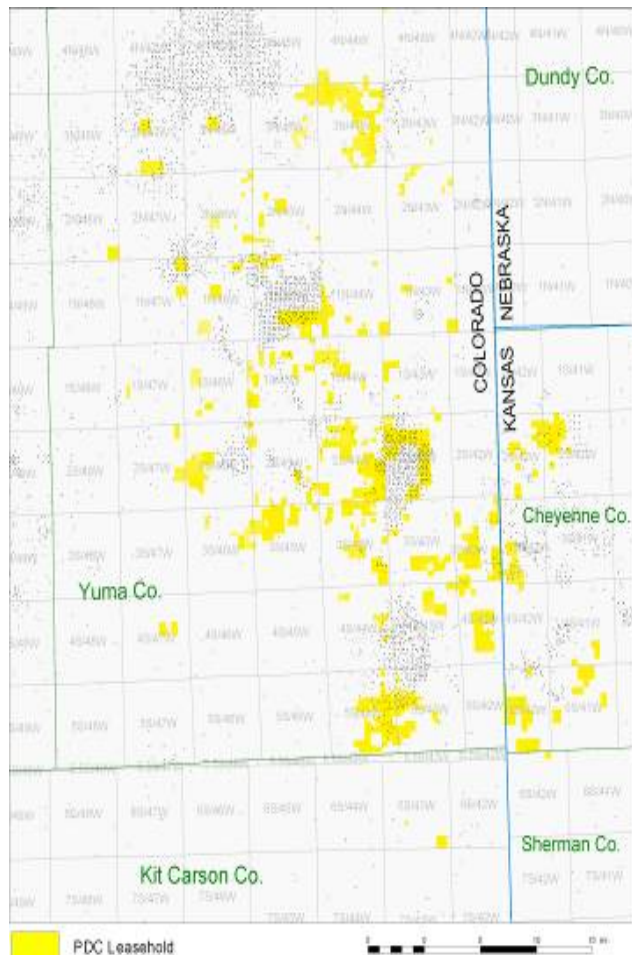


### 2007 Plan

- **Drill 108 net wells**
  - Add estimated 34 Bcfe drilling reserves
  - Shifted focus from single zone to multi-zone completions (J-sands, Codell, & Niobrara)
- **164 re-completions and re-fracs**
  - Some booked and some reserve additions
- **\$86 Million D&C cost**

# NECO Field Area

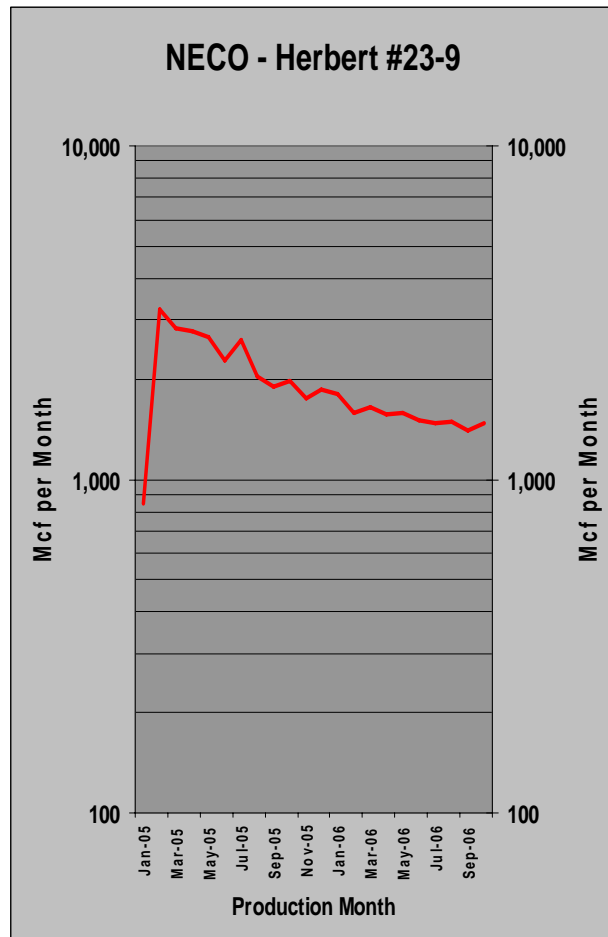
## Eastern DJ Basin, Colorado



- **September 2007 net daily production 12 Mmcfe/d (2006 net exit rate 8.5 Mmcfe/d)**
- **29,160 acres available for drilling**
- **8 defined structures (3D and 2D seismic)**
- **100 PUD locations**
- **200 potential locations**

# NECO Field Area

## Eastern DJ Basin, Colorado



### 2007 Plan

- Drill 141 wells, PDC 100%WI
- 31 Bcfe added by drilling
- \$33 Million D&C cost
- Acquiring 50 square miles of additional 3D seismic
  - Potential addition of 100-200 locations

# Appalachian and Michigan Operation Areas



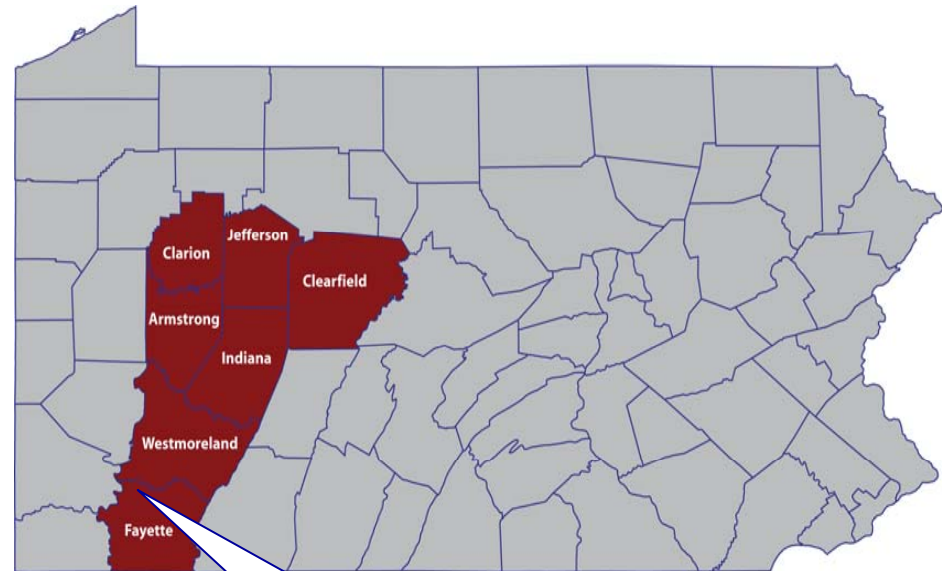
|   | Appalachian        | Michigan           |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operated Wells</b>                         | <b>2116</b>        | <b>206</b>         |
| <b>2006 YE Proved Reserves</b>                | <b>36.0 Bcfe</b>   | <b>21.2 Bcfe</b>   |
| <b>2007 Acquisition<br/>Proved Reserves *</b> | <b>77.1 Bcfe</b>   | <b>4.6 Bcfe</b>    |
| <b>% of 2006 YE Proved</b>                    | <b>84%</b>         | <b>22%</b>         |
| <b>2007E Production*</b>                      | <b>2.6 Bcfe</b>    | <b>1.8 Bcfe</b>    |
| <b>Increase from 2006*</b>                    | <b>86%</b>         | <b>20%</b>         |
| <b>July 2007<br/>Net Daily Production</b>     | <b>6.2 Mmcfe/d</b> | <b>4.5 Mmcfe/d</b> |

\* Reserves are based on internal Company estimates.

# Southwestern Pennsylvania Acquisition



- **PETD closed the acquisition of Castle Gas Company assets in October 2007**
  - **\$53 million purchase price**
    - **\$1.12 per Mcfe**
  - **Acquired majority interest in 760 natural gas wells located in southwestern Pennsylvania**
    - **Current daily production of 3,000 Mcfe/d**
  - **Highly predictable, low risk drilling**
    - **47 Bcfe of proved reserves**

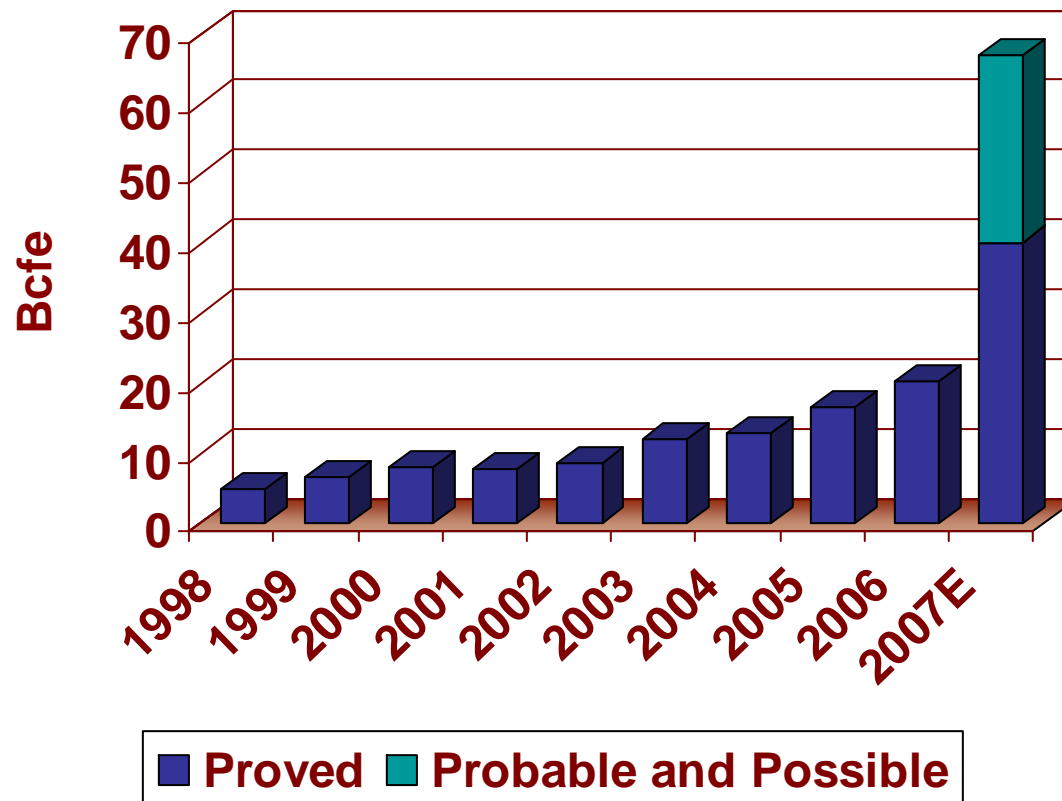


- **15.8 Bcfe net Proved Developed Producing**
- **31.2 Bcfe net Proved Undeveloped**



# Track Record of Consistent Growth

## Estimated Reserves\* per Share



\* See slide 2 regarding reserve estimate limitations.

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## Supplemental Data



# 2007 Production Forecast

## 2007 Forecast by Area (MMcfe)

| Area           | 1Q<br>Actual | 2Q<br>Actual | 3Q<br>Actual | Forecast |       |       |       |        |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                |              |              |              | 1Q       | 2Q    | 3Q    | 4Q    | 2007   |
| Rocky Mountain | 4,290        | 5,322        | 6,683        | 4,435    | 5,041 | 6,794 | 7,405 | 23,675 |
| Appalachian    | 617          | 687          | 610          | 625      | 640   | 680   | 689   | 2,634  |
| Michigan       | 426          | 427          | 428          | 415      | 424   | 456   | 459   | 1,754  |
| Company Total  | 5,333        | 6,436        | 7,721        | 5,475    | 6,104 | 7,931 | 8,553 | 28,063 |

## Rocky Mountain Forecast by Area (MMcfe)

| Area                 | 1Q<br>Actual | 2Q<br>Actual | 3Q<br>Actual | Forecast |       |       |       |        |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                      |              |              |              | 1Q       | 2Q    | 3Q    | 4Q    | 2007   |
| Wattenberg           | 2,209        | 2,623        | 2,963        | 2,314    | 2,586 | 3,149 | 3,361 | 11,410 |
| Grand Valley         | 1,246        | 1,590        | 2,622        | 1,064    | 1,245 | 2,086 | 2,094 | 6,490  |
| NECO                 | 677          | 942          | 960          | 834      | 954   | 1,203 | 1,492 | 4,483  |
| North Dakota         | 158          | 165          | 138          | 224      | 256   | 355   | 458   | 1,293  |
| Rocky Mountain Total | 4,290        | 5,321        | 6,683        | 4,435    | 5,041 | 6,794 | 7,405 | 23,675 |

Forecasted numbers are from presentation to Analysts on January 22, 2007

### Major Operating Area Highlights

- Wattenberg Area production shortfall due to weather related issues, production not "lost" but delayed
- Grand Valley production positively impacted by facility improvements and greater # of wells inline
- NECO Area production difference due to fewer wells inline than anticipated



# EBITDA & Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations Reconciliation

(\$ in thousands)

| EBITDA          | 2002     | 2003     | 2004     | 2005     | 2006      | 9/30/2007 | 3Q06      | 3Q07     |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Net Income      | \$8,881  | \$20,413 | \$33,228 | \$41,452 | \$237,772 | \$25,011  | \$210,884 | \$4,459  |
| Interest, (net) | 1,257    | 626      | 53       | (681)    | (5,607)   | 2,766     | (3,109)   | 2,082    |
| Income Taxes    | 3,186    | 11,934   | 20,250   | 24,676   | 149,637   | 15,511    | 132,795   | 3,326    |
| Depreciation    | 12,602   | 15,313   | 18,156   | 21,116   | 33,735    | 50,857    | 8,300     | 20,354   |
| EBITDA          | \$25,926 | \$48,286 | \$71,687 | \$86,563 | \$415,537 | \$94,145  | \$348,870 | \$30,221 |

Management believes EBITDA is relevant because it is a measure of cash available to fund the Company's capital expenditures and service its debt and is a widely used industry metric which allows comparability of our results with our peers.

## Adjusted Cash Flow Operations

|   | 2002     | 2003     | 2004     | 2005      | 2006     | 9/30/2007  | 3Q06    | 3Q07     |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|----------|
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities     | \$28,173 | \$73,608 | \$73,301 | \$112,372 | \$67,390 | (\$32,800) | \$2,632 | \$43,585 |
| Changes in Assets & Liabilities to Operations | (2,875)  | (26,691) | (10,786) | (38,815)  | (37,554) | 101,003    | (2,497) | (11,947) |
| Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations            | \$25,298 | \$46,917 | \$62,515 | \$73,557  | \$29,836 | \$68,203   | \$135   | \$31,638 |

Management believes Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations is relevant because it is a measure of cash available to fund the Company's capital expenditures and service its debt. Management also believes Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations is a useful measure for estimating the value of the Company's operations.



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