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

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

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 1-2745

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**Southern Natural Gas Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

**63-0196650**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**El Paso Building  
1001 Louisiana Street**

**Houston, Texas**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002**

(Zip Code)

**Telephone Number: (713) 420-2600**

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 ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock, par value \$1 per share. Shares outstanding on May 5, 2006: 1,000

**SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF GENERAL INSTRUCTION H(1)(a) AND (b) TO FORM 10-Q AND IS THEREFORE FILING THIS REPORT WITH A REDUCED DISCLOSURE FORMAT AS PERMITTED BY SUCH INSTRUCTION.**

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\* We have not included a response to this item in this document since no response is required pursuant to the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H to Form 10-Q.

Below is a list of terms that are common to our industry and used throughout this document:

/d	= per day	LNG	= liquefied natural gas
BBtu	= billion British thermal units		

When we refer to cubic feet measurements, all measurements are at a pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch.

When we refer to “us,” “we,” “our,” or “ours,” we are describing Southern Natural Gas Company and/or our subsidiaries.

# **PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **Item 1. Financial Statements**

### **SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY** **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND** **COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** **(In millions)** **(Unaudited)**

	<b>Quarter Ended</b> <b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Operating revenues .....	<u>\$135</u>	<u>\$125</u>
Operating expenses		
Operation and maintenance .....	47	40
Depreciation, depletion and amortization .....	13	13
Gain on sale of long-lived assets .....	—	(7)
Taxes, other than income taxes .....	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>68</u>	<u>53</u>
Operating income .....	67	72
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates .....	13	18
Other income, net .....	3	7
Interest and debt expense .....	(23)	(23)
Affiliated interest income .....	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Income before income taxes .....	64	75
Income taxes .....	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>
Net income .....	44	52
Other comprehensive income .....	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>
Comprehensive income .....	<u><u>\$ 44</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

**SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In millions, except share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ —	\$ —
Accounts and notes receivable		
Customer, net of allowance of \$1 in 2006 and 2005 .....	55	58
Affiliates .....	38	—
Other .....	7	5
Materials and supplies .....	12	12
Deferred income taxes .....	6	9
Other .....	12	17
Total current assets .....	130	101
Property, plant and equipment, at cost .....	3,435	3,369
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization .....	1,384	1,368
Total property, plant and equipment, net .....	2,051	2,001
Other assets		
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates .....	698	697
Note receivable from affiliate .....	267	339
Other .....	61	52
	1,026	1,088
Total assets .....	<u>\$3,207</u>	<u>\$3,190</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Trade .....	\$ 24	\$ 40
Affiliates .....	13	17
Other .....	25	12
Taxes payable .....	74	67
Accrued interest .....	6	30
Other .....	10	11
Total current liabilities .....	152	177
Long-term debt .....	1,196	1,195
Other liabilities		
Deferred income taxes .....	322	320
Other .....	39	44
	361	364
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, par value \$1 per share; 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding .....	—	—
Additional paid-in capital .....	340	340
Retained earnings .....	1,164	1,120
Accumulated other comprehensive loss .....	(6)	(6)
Total stockholder's equity .....	1,498	1,454
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity .....	<u>\$3,207</u>	<u>\$3,190</u>

See accompanying notes.

**SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In millions)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income .....	\$ 44	\$ 52
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization .....	13	13
Deferred income taxes .....	4	10
Gain on sale of long-lived assets .....	—	(7)
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates, adjusted for cash distributions .....	(1)	(6)
Other non-cash income items .....	(1)	(3)
Asset and liability changes .....	(47)	19
Net cash provided by operating activities .....	<u>12</u>	<u>78</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment .....	(49)	(39)
Proceeds from the sale of assets .....	—	32
Net change in affiliate advances .....	34	(73)
Net change in restricted cash .....	2	2
Other .....	1	—
Net cash used in investing activities .....	<u>(12)</u>	<u>(78)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents .....	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period .....	—	—
End of period .....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

See accompanying notes.

**SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of Presentation*

We are a wholly owned subsidiary of El Paso Corporation (El Paso). We prepared this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Because this is an interim period filing presented using a condensed format, it does not include all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You should read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q along with our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes a summary of our significant accounting policies and other disclosures. The financial statements as of March 31, 2006, and for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, are unaudited. We derived the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, from the audited balance sheet filed in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In our opinion, we have made all adjustments which are of a normal, recurring nature to fairly present our interim period results. Due to the seasonal nature of our business, information for interim periods may not be indicative of our results of operations for the entire year.

*Significant Accounting Policies*

Our significant accounting policies are consistent with those discussed in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, except as discussed below.

*Accounting for Pipeline Integrity Costs.* On January 1, 2006, we adopted an accounting release issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that requires us to prospectively expense certain costs we incur related to our pipeline integrity program. Prior to January 1, 2006, we capitalized these costs as part of our property, plant and equipment. The adoption of this accounting release did not have a material impact to our financial statements as of and for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

**2. Credit Facilities**

El Paso maintains a \$3 billion credit agreement. We are not a borrower under the credit agreement; however, one of our subsidiaries, Southern Gas Storage Company, and our ownership interest in Bear Creek Gas Storage Company (Bear Creek), are pledged as collateral under the agreement. At March 31, 2006, El Paso had \$1.2 billion outstanding as a term loan and \$1.6 billion of letters of credit issued under the credit agreement. For a further discussion of El Paso's \$3 billion credit agreement and our restrictive covenants, see our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**3. Commitments and Contingencies**

*Legal Proceedings*

*Gas Measurement Cases.* We and a number of our affiliates were named defendants in actions that generally allege a mismeasurement of natural gas volumes and/or heating content resulting in the underpayment of royalties. The first set of cases was filed in 1997 by an individual under the False Claims Act, which has been consolidated for pretrial purposes (in *re: Natural Gas Royalties Qui Tam Litigation*, U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming.) These complaints allege an industry-wide conspiracy to underreport the heating value as well as the volumes of the natural gas produced from federal and Native American lands. In May 2005, a representative appointed by the court issued a recommendation to dismiss most of the actions on jurisdictional grounds. If the court adopts these recommendations, it will result in the dismissal of this case on jurisdictional grounds. Our costs and legal exposure related to these lawsuits and claims are not currently determinable.

*Royalty Claim.* In five contract settlements reached in the late 1980s with Elf Aquitaine (Elf) pertaining to the pricing of gas produced from certain federal offshore blocks, we indemnified Elf against royalty claims that potentially could have been asserted by the Minerals Management Service (MMS). Following its settlements with us, Elf received demands from the MMS for royalty payments related to the settlements. With our approval, Elf protested the demands for over a decade while trying to reach a settlement with the MMS. Elf, which is now TOTAL E&P USA (TOTAL), advised us that it had renewed efforts to settle claims by the MMS for excess royalties attributable to price reductions that we achieved in the gas contract settlements in the late 1980s. TOTAL informed us that the MMS is claiming royalties in excess of \$13 million, a large portion of which is interest, for the five settlements with us. We have advised TOTAL that not all of the amounts sought by the MMS are covered by our indemnity. If TOTAL cannot resolve these claims administratively with the MMS, then an appeal can be taken to the federal courts. We have the right under a pre-existing settlement with our customers to recover a portion of the amount ultimately paid under the royalty indemnity with TOTAL through a surcharge payable by our customers.

In addition to the above matters, we and our subsidiaries and affiliates are also named defendants in numerous lawsuits and governmental proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business.

For each of our outstanding legal matters, we evaluate the merits of the case, our exposure to the matter, possible legal or settlement strategies and the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome. If we determine that an unfavorable outcome is probable and can be estimated, we establish the necessary accruals. As further information becomes available, or other relevant developments occur, we adjust our accrual amounts accordingly. While there are still uncertainties related to the ultimate costs we may incur, based upon our evaluation and experience to date, we believe our current reserves are adequate. At March 31, 2006, we had accrued approximately \$2 million for our outstanding legal matters.

#### *Environmental Matters*

We are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations governing environmental quality and pollution control. These laws and regulations require us to remove or remedy the effect on the environment of the disposal or release of specified substances at current and former operating sites. At March 31, 2006, we had accrued approximately \$1 million for expected remediation costs and associated onsite, offsite and groundwater technical studies. Our accrual was based on the most likely outcome that can be reasonably estimated.

It is possible that new information or future developments could require us to reassess our potential exposure related to environmental matters. We may incur significant costs and liabilities in order to comply with existing environmental laws and regulations. It is also possible that other developments, such as increasingly strict environmental laws and regulations and claims for damages to property, employees, other persons and the environment resulting from our current or past operations, could result in substantial costs and liabilities in the future. As this information becomes available, or other relevant developments occur, we will adjust our accrual amounts accordingly. While there are still uncertainties related to the ultimate costs we may incur, based upon our evaluation and experience to date, we believe our reserves are adequate.

#### *Other Matter*

*Duke Litigation.* Citrus Trading Corporation (CTC), a direct subsidiary of Citrus Corp. (Citrus), our equity investee, has filed suit against Duke Energy LNG Sales, Inc. (Duke) and PanEnergy Corp., the holding company of Duke, seeking damages of \$185 million for breach of a gas supply contract and wrongful termination of that contract. Duke sent CTC a notice of termination of the gas supply contract alleging failure of CTC to increase the amount of an outstanding letter of credit as collateral for its purchase obligations. In the lawsuit, CTC alleged that Duke failed to give proper notice to CTC regarding its failure to maintain the letter of credit. Duke has filed an amended counter claim in federal court joining Citrus and requested that the court find that Duke had a right to terminate its gas sales contract with CTC due to the failure of CTC to adjust the amount of the letter of credit supporting its purchase obligations. CTC has filed motions for partial summary judgment, requesting that the court find that Duke improperly asserted force majeure due to its

alleged loss of gas supply and that Duke is in error in asserting that CTC breached contractual provisions that imposed resale restrictions and credit maintenance obligations. An unfavorable outcome on this matter could impact the value of our investment in Citrus, which in turn, could have an effect on us.

#### 4. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates and Transactions with Affiliates

##### *Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates*

Our investments in unconsolidated affiliates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting and consist of our 50 percent ownership interests in Bear Creek and Citrus. Summarized income statement information of our proportionate share of these unconsolidated affiliates for the quarters ended March 31 is as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	<u>(In millions)</u>	
Operating results data:		
Operating revenues .....	\$58	\$58
Operating expenses .....	29	25
Income from continuing operations and net income <sup>(1)</sup> .....	14	16

<sup>(1)</sup> The difference between our proportionate share of our equity investments' net income and our earnings from unconsolidated affiliates reflected in our income statement is due primarily to the excess purchase price amortization related to Citrus and differences between the estimated and actual equity earnings from our investments.

Summarized income statement information of our proportionate share of Citrus' income for the quarters ended March 31 is as follows:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	<u>(In millions)</u>	
Operating results data:		
Operating revenues .....	\$53	\$53
Operating expenses .....	27	22
Income from continuing operations and net income .....	11	13

For the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, we received \$12 million in dividends from Citrus.

##### *Transactions with Affiliates*

**Cash Management Program.** We participate in El Paso's cash management program which matches short-term cash surpluses and needs of participating affiliates, thus minimizing total borrowings from outside sources. We have historically provided cash to El Paso in exchange for an affiliated note receivable that is due upon demand. At March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, we had a note receivable from El Paso of \$237 million and \$272 million. At March 31, 2006, we classified \$38 million as current because we anticipate settlement within the next twelve months. The interest rate at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 was 5.5% and 5.0%.

**Taxes.** We are a party to a tax accrual policy with El Paso whereby El Paso files U.S. federal and certain state tax returns on our behalf. In certain states, we file and pay directly to the state taxing authorities. We had income taxes payable of \$67 million and \$52 million at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, included in taxes payable on our balance sheets. The majority of these balances will become payable to El Paso.

**Other Affiliate Balances.** In addition to our advances under the cash management program, we had notes receivable from El Paso of \$68 million and \$67 million at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005. Also, at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, we had contractual deposits with our affiliates of \$1 million, included in other current liabilities on our balance sheets.

**Affiliate Revenues and Expenses.** El Paso bills us directly for certain general and administrative costs and allocates a portion of its general and administrative costs to us. In addition to allocations from El Paso, we



are also allocated costs from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company associated with our pipeline services. These allocations are based on the estimated level of effort devoted to our operations and the relative size of our earnings before interest expense and income taxes (EBIT), gross property and payroll.

The following table shows revenues and charges from our affiliates for the quarters ended March 31:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
	<u>(In millions)</u>	
Revenues from affiliates . . . . .	\$ 2	\$ 2
Operation and maintenance expenses from affiliates . . . . .	13	12

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

The information contained in Item 2 updates, and should be read in conjunction with the information disclosed in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the financial statements and notes presented in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### Results of Operations

Our management, as well as El Paso's management, uses EBIT to assess the operating results and effectiveness of our business. We define EBIT as net income adjusted for (i) items that do not impact our income from continuing operations, (ii) income taxes and (iii) interest, which includes interest and debt expense and affiliated interest income. Our business consists of consolidated operations as well as investments in unconsolidated affiliates. We exclude interest from this measure so that our investors may evaluate our operating results without regard to our financing methods. We believe EBIT is useful to our investors because it allows them to more effectively evaluate the operating performance of both our consolidated business and our unconsolidated investments using the same performance measure analyzed internally by our management. EBIT may not be comparable to measures used by other companies. Additionally, EBIT should be considered in conjunction with net income and other performance measures such as operating income or operating cash flows. The following is a reconciliation of EBIT to net income for the quarters ended March 31:

	2006	2005
	(In millions, except volume amounts)	
Operating revenues .....	\$ 135	\$ 125
Operating expenses .....	(68)	(53)
Operating income .....	67	72
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates .....	13	18
Other income, net .....	3	7
EBIT .....	83	97
Interest and debt expense .....	(23)	(23)
Affiliated interest income .....	4	1
Income taxes .....	(20)	(23)
Net income .....	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 52</u>
Throughput volumes (BBtu/d) <sup>(1)</sup> .....	<u>3,043</u>	<u>3,195</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Throughput volumes include volumes associated with our proportionate share of our 50 percent equity interest in Citrus and billable transportation throughput volumes for storage injection.

The following items contributed to our overall EBIT decrease of \$14 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005:

	Revenue	Expense	Other	EBIT Impact
	Favorable/(Unfavorable) (In millions)			
Elba Island expansion .....	\$ 5	\$ (1)	\$ (2)	\$ 2
Higher services revenues .....	7	—	—	7
Gain on the sale of assets in 2005 .....	—	(7)	—	(7)
Hurricane Katrina .....	—	(5)	—	(5)
Gas not used in operations and other natural gas sales .....	(3)	(1)	—	(4)
Earnings from our equity investment in Citrus .....	—	—	(5)	(5)
Other <sup>(1)</sup> .....	1	(1)	(2)	(2)
Total impact on EBIT .....	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$(15)</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$(14)</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of individually insignificant items.

The following provides further discussions on some of the significant items listed above as well as events that may affect our operations in the future.

*Elba Island Expansion.* In February 2006, the Elba Island LNG expansion was placed in service resulting in an increase in our operating revenues, partially offset by a reduction in other income due to amounts capitalized in 2005 related to allowance for funds used during construction. This expansion is estimated to increase our revenues by \$29 million annually.

*Higher Services Revenues.* During the quarter ended March 31, 2006, our usage revenues increased primarily due to our recent rate case settlement and revenues received from increased activity under interruptible services provided under our tariff.

*Gain on the Sale of Assets.* In March 2005, we recorded a gain of \$7 million on the sale of pipeline and measurement facilities to Atlanta Gas Light Company.

*Hurricane Katrina.* During the first quarter of 2006, we incurred higher operation and maintenance costs of approximately \$5 million to repair damage to our pipeline system caused by Hurricane Katrina.

*Gas Not Used in Operations and Other Natural Gas Sales.* As a result of our rate case settlement in March 2005, the volumes of natural gas that we retain were reduced, decreasing our revenues in the first quarter of 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005. For a further discussion of our gas not used in operations and other natural gas sales, see our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Citrus.* Our earnings in Citrus decreased for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to an increase in Citrus' operating expenses.

#### *Affiliated Interest Income*

Affiliated interest income for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, was \$3 million higher than the same period in 2005 due primarily to higher average advances to El Paso under its cash management program and higher average short-term interest rates. The average advances due from El Paso of \$179 million for the first quarter of 2005 increased to \$333 million for the same period in 2006. In addition, the average short-term interest rates for the first quarter increased from 2.9% in 2005 to 5.2% for the same period in 2006.

#### *Income Taxes*

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
	(In millions, except for rates)	
Income taxes .....	\$20	\$23
Effective tax rate .....	31%	31%

Our effective tax rates were lower than the statutory rate of 35 percent, primarily due to the tax effect of earnings from unconsolidated affiliates where we anticipate receiving dividends, partially offset by the effect of state income taxes.

### **Liquidity and Capital Expenditures**

#### *Liquidity Overview*

Our liquidity needs are provided by cash flows from operating activities. In addition, we participate in El Paso's cash management program. Under El Paso's cash management program, depending on whether we have short-term cash surpluses or requirements, we either provide cash to El Paso or El Paso provides cash to us in exchange for an affiliated note receivable or payable. We have historically provided cash advances to El Paso, and we reflect these advances as investing activities in our statement of cash flows. At March 31, 2006, we had a note receivable from El Paso of \$237 million that is due upon demand. However, we do not anticipate settlement of the entire amount within the next twelve months and therefore, classified \$199 million as non-current on our balance sheet.

In addition to our advances under the cash management program, we had notes receivable from El Paso of \$68 million at March 31, 2006. We believe that cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under El Paso's cash management program, if necessary, will be adequate to meet our short-term capital requirements for our existing operations and planned expansion opportunities.

### *Capital Expenditures*

Our capital expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 were approximately \$49 million. We expect to spend approximately \$229 million for the remainder of 2006 for capital expenditures, consisting of \$136 million to expand the capacity on our system, \$64 million for maintenance capital and \$29 million to repair damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. We expect to fund these capital expenditures through a combination of internally generated funds or by recovering some of the amounts advanced to El Paso under its cash management program, if necessary.

We continue to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Through El Paso, we are part of a mutual insurance company, and are subject to certain individual and aggregate loss limits by event. The mutual insurance company indicated that aggregate losses for Hurricane Katrina will exceed the per event limits allowed under the program. As a result, we will not receive insurance recoveries on some of the costs we incur, which will impact our liquidity and financial results. In addition, the timing of our replacements of the damaged property and equipment may differ from the related insurance reimbursement, which could impact our liquidity from period to period. Total cumulative costs incurred as of March 31, 2006, our estimate of future costs and insurance reimbursements of these costs are shown below:

<u>Hurricane</u>	<u>Total Costs Incurred as of March 31, 2006</u>	<u>Estimated Future Costs</u>		<u>Estimated Cost Recovery</u>	<u>Insurance Reimbursements Received</u>
		<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>Capital</u>		
<u>(In millions, except for percentages)</u>					
Ivan . . . . .	\$ 69	\$—	\$—	100%	\$56
Katrina . . . . .	76	9	55 <sup>(1)</sup>	37% <sup>(2)</sup>	—
Total . . . . .	<u>\$145</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$55</u>		<u>\$56</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$3 million of related improvements.

<sup>(2)</sup> During the quarter ended March 31, 2006, our estimated insurance recoveries were reduced.

The mutual insurance company has also indicated that effective June 1, 2006, the aggregate loss limits on future events will be reduced to \$500 million from \$1 billion, which could further limit our recoveries on future hurricanes or other insurable events.

### **Commitments and Contingencies**

See Item 1, Financial Statements, Note 3, which is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Omitted from this report pursuant to the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H to Form 10-Q.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of March 31, 2006, we carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Financial Officer, as to the effectiveness, design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This evaluation considered the various processes carried out under the direction of our disclosure committee in an effort to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the SEC reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accurate, complete and timely.

Based on the results of this evaluation, our President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2006.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2006.

## **PART II — OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements, Note 3, which is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

#### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE “SAFE HARBOR” PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995**

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Where any forward-looking statement includes a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement, we caution that, while we believe these assumptions or bases to be reasonable and to be made in good faith, assumed facts or bases almost always vary from the actual results, and the differences between assumed facts or bases and actual results can be material, depending upon the circumstances. Where, in any forward-looking statement, we or our management express an expectation or belief as to future results, that expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and is believed to have a reasonable basis. We cannot assure you, however, that the statement of expectation or belief will result or be achieved or accomplished. The words “believe,” “expect,” “estimate,” “anticipate” and similar expressions will generally identify forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements and any other cautionary statements that may accompany those statements. In addition, we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or projections contained in forward-looking statements are described in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have been no material changes in these risk factors since that report.

### **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

Omitted from this report pursuant to the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H to Form 10-Q.

### **Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Omitted from this report pursuant to the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H to Form 10-Q.

### **Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Omitted from this report pursuant to the reduced disclosure format permitted by General Instruction H to Form 10-Q.

### **Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

Each exhibit identified below is a part of this report. Exhibits filed with this report are designated by “\*.” All exhibits not so designated are incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing as indicated.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
*31.A	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*31.B	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.A	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.B	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**Undertaking**

We hereby undertake, pursuant to Regulation S-K, Item 601(b), paragraph (4)(iii), to furnish to the U.S. SEC upon request all constituent instruments defining the rights of holders of our long-term debt and our consolidated subsidiaries not filed herewith for the reason that the total amount of securities authorized under any of such instruments does not exceed 10 percent of our total consolidated assets.

## SIGNATURES

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

### SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Date: May 5, 2006

/s/ JAMES C. YARDLEY

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James C. Yardley  
*Chairman of the Board and President*  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

Date: May 5, 2006

/s/ JOHN R. SULT

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John R. Sult  
*Senior Vice President,*  
*Chief Financial Officer and Controller*  
*(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)*