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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003

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 1-4101**

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

74-1056569
(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 an accelerated filer (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 \$5 per share. Shares outstanding on November 10, 2003: 208

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

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

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

/d	= per day	MMcf	= million cubic feet
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.

PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In millions) (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Operating revenues	\$161	\$180	\$541	\$533
Operating expenses				
Operation and maintenance	59	68	183	202
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	39	38	122	112
Taxes, other than income taxes	13	11	37	36
	<u>111</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>342</u>	<u>350</u>
Operating income	50	63	199	183
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	3	2	14	10
Other income	2	1	5	6
Interest and debt expense	(33)	(34)	(98)	(93)
Affiliated interest income, net	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	24	35	122	113
Income taxes	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	17	25	86	81
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of income taxes	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 86</u>	<u>\$ 91</u>
Other comprehensive loss	<u>—</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ 85</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>

See accompanying notes.

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions, except share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ —
Accounts and notes receivable		
Customer, net of allowance of \$4 in 2003 and 2002	103	119
Affiliates	205	110
Other	63	76
Materials and supplies	24	24
Deferred income taxes	53	47
Other	13	14
Total current assets	461	390
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	3,186	3,074
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	552	484
	2,634	2,590
Additional acquisition cost assigned to utility plant, net	2,206	2,236
Total property, plant and equipment, net	4,840	4,826
Other assets		
Notes receivable from affiliates	691	599
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	183	179
Other	46	51
	920	829
Total assets	<u>\$6,221</u>	<u>\$6,045</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Trade	\$ 44	\$ 82
Affiliates	132	88
Other	13	17
Taxes payable	97	37
Accrued interest	44	25
Other	61	61
Total current liabilities	391	310
Long-term debt	1,596	1,595
Other liabilities		
Deferred income taxes	1,238	1,196
Other	173	201
	1,411	1,397
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, par value \$5 per share; 300 shares authorized; 208 shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	2,205	2,210
Retained earnings	622	536
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4)	(3)
Total stockholder's equity	2,823	2,743
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$6,221</u>	<u>\$6,045</u>

See accompanying notes.

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 86	\$ 91
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	122	112
Undistributed earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(6)	(10)
Deferred income tax expense	31	29
Cumulative effect of accounting change	—	(10)
Other non-cash income items	1	—
Working capital changes	(40)	(186)
Non-working capital changes and other	(32)	(13)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>162</u>	<u>13</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(113)	(148)
Net change in affiliated advances receivable	(54)	300
Proceeds from the sale of assets	1	1
Other	4	—
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(162)</u>	<u>153</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net repayments of commercial paper	—	(404)
Net proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt	—	238
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>—</u>	<u>(166)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period	—	4
End of period	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>

See accompanying notes.

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

We are an indirect 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. Because this is an interim period filing presented using a condensed format, it does not include all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. You should read it along with our 2002 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes a summary of our significant accounting policies and other disclosures. The financial statements as of September 30, 2003, and for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, are unaudited. We derived the balance sheet as of December 31, 2002, from the audited balance sheet filed in our 2002 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 necessarily be indicative of our results of operations for the entire year. In addition, prior period information presented in these financial statements includes reclassifications which were made to conform to the current period presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on our previously reported net income or stockholder's equity.

Our accounting policies are consistent with those discussed in our 2002 Form 10-K, except as discussed below:

Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities. As of January 1, 2003, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 146, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*. SFAS No. 146 requires that we recognize costs associated with exit or disposal activities when they are incurred rather than when we commit to an exit or disposal plan. There was no initial financial statement impact of adopting this standard.

Accounting for Guarantees. On January 1, 2003, we adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation (FIN) No. 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. FIN No. 45 requires that we record a liability for all guarantees, including financial performance and fair value guarantees, issued after December 31, 2002, at fair value when they are issued. There was no initial financial statement impact of adopting this standard.

Accounting for Regulated Operations. Our natural gas systems and storage operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in accordance with the Natural Gas Act of 1938 and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and we currently apply the provisions of SFAS No. 71, *Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation*. The accounting required by SFAS No. 71 differs from the accounting required for businesses that do not apply its provisions. Transactions that are generally recorded differently as a result of applying regulatory accounting requirements include the capitalization of an equity return component on regulated capital projects, post retirement employee benefit plans and other costs included in, or expected to be included in, future rates. As a result of recent changes in our competitive environment and operating cost structure, we continue to assess the applicability of the provisions of SFAS No. 71 to our financial statements.

2. Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change

On January 1, 2002, we adopted SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, and SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 141 requires that once SFAS No. 142 is adopted, negative goodwill should be written off as a cumulative effect of an accounting change. Prior to adoption of these standards, we had negative goodwill associated with our 30 percent investment in Portland Natural Gas Company. As a result of our adoption of these standards on January 1, 2002, we recognized a pre-tax and after-tax gain of \$10 million as a cumulative effect of an accounting change in our 2002 income statement related to the elimination of this negative goodwill.

3. Debt and Other Credit Facilities

Trinity River

In March 2003, El Paso retired amounts outstanding under its Trinity River financing arrangement. Prior to this retirement, our 50 percent ownership in Bear Creek Storage, along with various assets of El Paso, collateralized that arrangement.

Credit Facilities

In April 2003, El Paso entered into a new \$3 billion revolving credit facility, with a \$1.5 billion letter of credit sublimit, which matures on June 30, 2005. The \$3 billion revolving credit facility has a borrowing cost of LIBOR plus 350 basis points, letter of credit fees of 350 basis points and a commitment fee of 75 basis points on the unused portion of the facility. This facility replaces El Paso's previous \$3 billion revolving credit facility. Approximately \$1 billion of other El Paso financing arrangements (including leases, letters of credit and other facilities) were also amended to conform El Paso's obligations to the new \$3 billion revolving credit facility. We, along with El Paso and our affiliates, ANR Pipeline Company, and El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG), are borrowers under the \$3 billion revolving credit facility and El Paso's equity in several of its subsidiaries, including its equity in us and our equity in Bear Creek Storage, collateralizes the \$3 billion revolving credit facility and the other financing arrangements. We were jointly and severally liable under the \$3 billion revolving credit facility through August 19, 2003, after which time we are only liable for amounts we directly borrow. As of September 30, 2003, \$1.3 billion was outstanding and \$1 billion in letters of credit were issued under the \$3 billion facility, none of which were borrowed by or issued on behalf of us.

We were also a borrower under El Paso's \$1 billion revolving credit facility which expired on August 4, 2003.

Under the \$3 billion revolving credit facility and other indentures, we are subject to a number of restrictions and covenants. The most restrictive of these include (i) limitations on the incurrence of additional debt, based on a ratio of debt to EBITDA (as defined in the agreements); (ii) limitations on the use of proceeds from borrowings; (iii) limitations, in some cases, on transactions with our affiliates; (iv) limitations on the incurrence of liens; (v) potential limitations on our ability to declare and pay dividends; and (vi) potential limitations on our ability to participate in the El Paso cash management program discussed in Note 5. For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, we were in compliance with these covenants.

4. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

Grynberg. In 1997, we and a number of our affiliates were named defendants in actions brought by Jack Grynberg on behalf of the U.S. Government under the False Claims Act. Generally, 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, which deprived the U.S. Government of royalties. The plaintiff in this case seeks royalties that he contends the government should have received had the volume and heating value of natural gas produced from royalty properties been differently measured, analyzed, calculated and reported, together with interest, treble damages, civil penalties, expenses and future injunctive relief to require the defendants to adopt allegedly appropriate gas measurement practices. No monetary relief has been specified in this case. These matters have been consolidated for pretrial purposes (In re: Natural Gas Royalties *Qui Tam* Litigation, U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming, filed June 1997). In May 2001, the court denied the defendants' motion to dismiss. Discovery is proceeding. Our costs and legal exposure related to these lawsuits and claims are not currently determinable.

Will Price (formerly Quinque). We and a number of our affiliates were named defendants in *Quinque Operating Company, et al. v. Gas Pipelines and Their Predecessors, et al.*, filed in 1999 in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas. Quinque has been dropped as a plaintiff and Will Price has been added. This class action complaint alleges that the defendants mismeasured natural gas volumes and heating content of natural gas on non-federal and non-Native American lands. The plaintiff in this case seeks certification of a

nationwide class of natural gas working interest owners and natural gas royalty owners to recover royalties that the plaintiff contends these owners should have received had the volume and heating value of natural gas produced from their properties been differently measured, analyzed, calculated and reported, together with prejudgment and postjudgment interest, punitive damages, treble damages, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and future injunctive relief to require the defendants to adopt allegedly appropriate gas measurement practices. No monetary relief has been specified in this case. Plaintiffs' motion for class certification was denied on April 10, 2003. Plaintiffs' motion to file another amended petition to narrow the proposed class to royalty owners in wells in Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado was granted on July 28, 2003. Our costs and legal exposure related to this lawsuit and claims are not currently determinable.

In addition to the above matters, we and our subsidiaries and affiliates are 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 of September 30, 2003, we had no material accruals 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. As of September 30, 2003, we had accrued approximately \$48 million, including approximately \$47 million for expected remediation costs and associated onsite, offsite and groundwater technical studies and approximately \$1 million for related environmental legal costs, which we anticipate incurring through 2027. Our accrual at September 30, 2003 was based on the most likely outcome that can be reasonably estimated. Below is a reconciliation of our accrued liability as of September 30, 2003 (in millions):

Balance as of January 1, 2003	\$ 84
Additions/adjustments for remediation activities ⁽¹⁾	(31)
Payments for remediation activities	<u>(5)</u>
Balance as of September 30, 2003	<u>\$ 48</u>

⁽¹⁾ Represents a reduction in the estimated costs to complete our internal PCB remediation project as discussed below.

In addition, we expect to make capital expenditures for environmental matters of approximately \$48 million in the aggregate for the years 2003 through 2008. These expenditures primarily relate to compliance with clean air regulations. For the remainder of 2003, we estimate that our total remediation expenditures will be approximately \$2 million. All of this amount is being expended under government directed clean-up plans.

Internal PCB Remediation Project. Since 1988, we have been engaged in an internal project to identify and address the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other substances, including those on the EPA's List of Hazardous Substances (HSL), at compressor stations and other facilities we operate. While conducting this project, we have been in frequent contact with federal and state regulatory agencies, both through informal negotiation and formal entry of consent orders. We executed a consent order in 1994 with the EPA, governing the remediation of the relevant compressor stations and are working with the EPA and the relevant states regarding those remediation activities. We are also working with the Pennsylvania and New York environmental agencies regarding remediation and post-remediation activities at our Pennsylvania and New York stations. In May 2003 we finalized a new estimate of the cost to complete the PCB/HSL Project. Over the years there have been developments that impacted various individual components, but our ability to estimate a more likely outcome for the total project has not been possible until recently. The new estimate identified a \$31 million reduction in our estimated cost to complete the project.

PCB Cost Recoveries. In May 1995, following negotiations with our customers, we filed an agreement with the FERC that established a mechanism for recovering a substantial portion of the environmental costs identified in our internal remediation project. The agreement, which was approved by the FERC in November 1995, provided for a PCB surcharge on firm and interruptible customers' rates to pay for eligible costs under the PCB remediation project, with these surcharges to be collected over a defined collection period. We have twice received approval from the FERC to extend the collection period, which is now currently set to expire in June 2004. The agreement also provided for bi-annual audits of eligible costs. As of September 30, 2003, we had pre-collected our PCB costs by approximately \$117 million. The pre-collection will be reduced by future eligible costs incurred for the remainder of the remediation project. To the extent actual eligible expenditures are less than the amounts pre-collected, we will refund to our customers the pre-collection amount plus carrying charges incurred up to the date of the refunds.

As of September 30, 2003, we have recorded a regulatory liability (included in other non-current liabilities on our balance sheet) of \$85 million for future refund obligations. This obligation increased by \$25 million in the second quarter due to the reduction of our accrual of estimated future remediation and legal costs.

Kentucky PCB Project. In November 1988, the Kentucky environmental agency filed a complaint in a Kentucky state court alleging that we discharged pollutants into the waters of the state and disposed of PCBs without a permit. The agency sought an injunction against future discharges, an order to remediate or remove PCBs and a civil penalty. We entered into interim agreed orders with the agency to resolve many of the issues raised in the complaint. The relevant Kentucky compressor stations are being remediated under a 1994 consent order with the EPA. Despite our remediation efforts, the agency may raise additional technical issues or seek additional remediation work in the future.

CERCLA Matters. We have received notice that we could be designated, or have been asked for information to determine whether we could be designated, as a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) with respect to three active sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or state equivalents. We have sought to resolve our liability as a PRP at these sites through indemnification by third parties and settlements which provide for payment of our allocable share of remediation costs. As of September 30, 2003 we have estimated our share of the remediation costs at these sites to be between \$1 million and \$2 million. Since the clean-up costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required, and because in some cases we have asserted a defense to any liability, our estimates could change. Moreover, liability under the federal CERCLA statute is joint and several, meaning that we could be required to pay in excess of our pro rata share of remediation costs. Our understanding of the financial strength of other PRPs has been considered, where appropriate, in estimating our liabilities. Reserves for these matters are included in the environmental reserve discussed above.

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 relating to the ultimate costs we may incur, based upon our evaluation and experience to date, we believe our reserves are adequate.

Rates and Regulatory Matters

Gas Supply Realignment Costs. In 1997, the FERC approved the settlement of all issues related to the recovery of our Gas Supply Realignment (GSR) and other transition costs. Under the agreement, we are entitled to collect up to \$770 million from our customers, \$693 million through a demand surcharge and \$77 million through an interruptible transportation surcharge. As of September 30, 2003, \$68 million of the interruptible transportation surcharge had been collected. There is no time limit for collection of the remaining

interruptible transportation surcharge. This agreement also provides for a rate case moratorium that expired November 2000 and an escalating cap on the rates we can charge some of our customers, indexed to inflation, through October 2005.

Order No. 637. In February 2000, the FERC issued Order No. 637. Order 637 impacts the way pipelines conduct their operational activities, including how they release capacity, segment capacity and manage imbalance services, issue operational flow orders and impose pipeline penalties. We filed our compliance proposal in August 2000 and received an order on compliance from the FERC in April 2002. Most of our compliance proposal was accepted, but the FERC rejected our proposals regarding overlapping capacity segments, discounting and the priority of capacity. In response, we sought rehearing and have made another compliance filing. On October 31, 2002, FERC issued its order responding to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's order remanding various aspects of Order No. 637. On December 2, 2002, we submitted our compliance filing with FERC to comply with the October 31 order. We also filed for rehearing of the October 31 order.

On July 11, 2003, the FERC issued an order on the rehearing request and on our compliance filing. The FERC denied our request for rehearing regarding a replacement shipper's ability to select additional primary points, forwardhauls and backhauls to the same delivery point, and discounting. The FERC clarified its application of its policy to allow replacement shippers the ability to select additional primary points as that policy applies to our grandfathered contracts finding that replacement shippers are not permitted to obtain redundant primary delivery point rights in excess of their contract demand. The FERC also approved our compliance filing proposal to redesign our scheduling imbalance penalty finding that the proposed penalty was designed to prevent the impairment of reliable firm service. We filed certain required tariff revisions relating to operational flow orders (OFO), OFO penalties, and penalty revenue crediting and sought further rehearing of certain issues. We implemented most all of Order No. 637 provisions on October 1, 2003, except for point elevations, for which we have sought an April 1, 2004 effective date. We cannot predict the outcome of the compliance filings or the requests for rehearing.

Marketing Affiliate NOPR. In September 2001, the FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) proposing to apply the standards of conduct governing the relationship between interstate pipelines and marketing affiliates to all energy affiliates. The proposed regulations, if adopted by the FERC, would dictate how we conduct business and interact with our energy affiliates. We have filed comments with the FERC addressing our concerns with the proposed rules, participated in a public conference, and filed additional comments. At this time, we cannot predict the outcome of the NOPR, but adoption of the regulations in their proposed form would, at a minimum, place additional administrative and operational burdens on us.

Negotiated Rate Policy. In July 2002, the FERC issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) that sought comments regarding its 1996 policy of permitting pipelines to enter into negotiated rate transactions. We have entered into those transactions over the years, and the FERC is now reviewing whether negotiated rates should be capped, whether or not the "recourse rate" (a cost-of-service based rate) continues to safeguard against a pipeline exercising market power and other issues related to negotiated rate programs. El Paso's pipelines and others filed comments on the NOI.

In July 2003, the FERC issued an order that prospectively prohibits pipelines from negotiating rates based upon natural gas commodity price indices and imposes certain new filing requirements to ensure the transparency of negotiated rate transactions. Requests for rehearing were filed on August 25, 2003 and remain pending. We do not expect that the order on rehearing will have a material effect on us.

Cash Management Rule. On October 23, 2003, the FERC approved a rule that requires a FERC regulated entity to file its cash management agreement with the FERC, maintain records of transactions involving its participation in the cash management program, compute its proprietary capital ratio quarterly based on criteria established by the FERC, and notify the FERC 45 days after the end of a calendar quarter whether its proprietary capital ratio falls below 30 percent and subsequently when its proprietary capital ratio returns to or exceeds 30 percent. In the rule, the FERC stated that the requirements imposed by the rule are not in the nature of a regulation governing participation in cash management programs and that the rule does

not dictate the content or terms for participating in a cash management program. Although the rule is subject to rehearing, we do not believe an order on rehearing will have a material effect on us.

On September 10, 2003, the Office of Executive Director of Regulatory Audits completed an industry-wide audit of the FERC Form 2 related to cash management. The audit included our affiliates, EPNG and Mojave. The audit did not identify any instances of non-compliance with the FERC's reporting and recording requirements but recommended that EPNG and Mojave revise and update their existing cash management agreements with El Paso. We are in the process of reviewing and revising our cash management agreement pursuant to this recommendation.

Emergency Reconstruction of Interstate Natural Gas Facilities Rule. On May 19, 2003, the FERC issued a rule that amends its regulations to enable natural gas interstate pipeline companies, in emergency situations, resulting in sudden, unanticipated loss of natural gas or capacity, to replace facilities when immediate action is required to restore service for the protection of life or health or for the maintenance of physical property. Specifically, the rule permits a pipeline to replace mainline facilities using a route other than an existing right-of-way, to commence construction without being subject to a 45-day waiting period, and to undertake projects that exceed the existing blanket cost constraints. It also requires that landowners be notified of potential construction, but provides for a possible waiver of the 30-day waiting period.

Pipeline Safety Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In January 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a NOPR proposing to establish a rule requiring pipeline operators to develop integrity management programs to comprehensively evaluate their pipelines and take measures to protect pipeline segments located in what the notice refers to as "high consequence areas." The proposed rule resulted from the enactment of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002, a new bill signed into law in December 2002. Comments on the NOPR were filed on April 30, 2003. Although we cannot predict the outcome of this rulemaking, we do not expect this order to have a material effect on us.

While the outcome of our outstanding legal matters, environmental matters and rates and regulatory matters cannot be predicted with certainty, based on current information and our existing accruals, we do not expect the ultimate resolution of these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, operating results or cash flows. However, it is possible that new information or future developments could require us to reassess our potential exposure related to these matters. It is possible that the outcome of these matters could impact our credit rating and that of our parent. Further, for environmental matters, it is 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 new information for our outstanding legal matters, environmental matters and rates and regulatory matters becomes available, or relevant developments occur, we will review our accruals and make any appropriate adjustments. The impact of these changes may have a material effect on our results of operations, our financial position, and on our cash flows in the period the event occurs.

5. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates and Related Party Transactions

We hold investments in various affiliates which we account for using the equity method of accounting. Summarized financial information for our proportionate share of these investments is as follows:

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(In millions)			
Operating results data:				
Operating revenues	\$7	\$9	\$25	\$26
Operating expenses	4	5	10	12
Income from continuing operations	2	2	10	8
Net income ⁽¹⁾	2	2	10	8

⁽¹⁾ Our proportionate share of net income includes our share of taxes payable by partners recorded by our equity investments.

In October 2003, we announced the sale of our 29.64 percent interest in the Portland Natural Gas Transmission system to TransCanada Corporation for approximately \$56 million. We will record a pre-tax loss of approximately \$2 million related to this sale in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Transactions with Affiliates

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. As of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, we had advanced to El Paso \$691 million and \$599 million. The market rate of interest at September 30, 2003 was 3.5% and at December 31, 2002, was 1.5%. These receivables are due upon demand; however, as of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, we have classified these amounts as non-current notes receivable from affiliates because we do not anticipate settlement within the next twelve months. In addition, we had a demand note receivable with El Paso of \$38 million at December 31, 2002, at an interest rate of 2.21%.

At September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, we also had other accounts receivable from related parties of \$205 million and \$72 million. In addition, we had accounts payable to related parties of \$132 million and \$88 million at September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002. These balances arose in the normal course of business.

The following table shows revenues and charges from our affiliates for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002:

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(In millions)			
Revenues from affiliates	\$ 6	\$21	\$30	\$65
Operations and maintenance from affiliates	19	26	70	79
Reimbursement for operating expenses from affiliates	17	9	37	29

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 2002 Form 10-K and the financial statements and notes presented in Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Results of Operations

We use earnings before interest and income taxes (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, such as the impact of accounting changes, (ii) income taxes, (iii) interest and debt expense and (iv) affiliated interest income. Our business consists of consolidated operations as well as investments in unconsolidated affiliates. We believe EBIT, which includes the results of our consolidated and unconsolidated operations, 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. In addition, this is the measurement used by El Paso to evaluate the operating performance of its business segments. We exclude interest and debt expense from this measure so that investors may evaluate our operating results without regard to our financing methods. EBIT may not be comparable to measurements used by other companies and should not be used as a substitute for net income or other performance measures such as operating income or operating cash flow. The following is a reconciliation of our operating income to our EBIT and our EBIT to our net income for the periods ended September 30:

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(In millions, except volumes)			
Operating revenues	\$ 161	\$ 180	\$ 541	\$ 533
Operating expenses	(111)	(117)	(342)	(350)
Operating income	50	63	199	183
Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	3	2	14	10
Other income	2	1	5	6
Other	5	3	19	16
EBIT	55	66	218	199
Interest and debt expense	(33)	(34)	(98)	(93)
Affiliated interest income, net	2	3	2	7
Income taxes	(7)	(10)	(36)	(32)
Income from continuing operations	17	25	86	81
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of income taxes	—	—	—	10
Net income	\$ 17	\$ 25	\$ 86	\$ 91
Throughput volumes (BBtu/d)	3,992	4,515	4,771	4,540

Third Quarter 2003 Compared to Third Quarter 2002

Operating revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, were \$19 million lower than the same period in 2002. This decrease was primarily due to a \$14 million favorable resolution of measurement issues at a processing plant serving our pipeline system in 2002. Also contributing to the decrease was \$2 million related to the amortization of deferred contract revenue from March 2000 through February 2003 for services provided to the customers of East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (ETN) following our sale of ETN in March 2000 and a decrease in transportation reservation revenues of \$2 million due to the impact of contract conversions and renewals.

Operating expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, were \$6 million lower than the same period in 2002 primarily due to lower shared services costs allocated to us.

Nine Months Ended 2003 Compared to Nine Months Ended 2002

Operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, were \$8 million higher than the same period in 2002. This increase was due to the impact of higher natural gas prices in 2003 on natural gas recoveries of \$21 million and increased transportation revenues of \$21 million due primarily to higher throughput in 2003 as a result of colder weather. The increase was partially offset by an \$18 million favorable resolution of measurement issues at a processing plant serving our pipeline system in 2002, lower transportation reservation revenues in 2003 of \$13 million due to the impact of contract conversions and renewals, and \$4 million related to the amortization of deferred contract revenue from March 2000 through February 2003 for services provided to ETN's customers following our sale of ETN in March 2000.

Operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, were \$8 million lower than the same period in 2002. The decrease was due to \$15 million of lower environmental remediation, legal and other related costs primarily due to a revision in the second quarter of 2003 of our estimated costs to complete our internal PCB remediation project and \$9 million in lower shared services costs allocated to us. This decrease was offset by higher depreciation of \$7 million due to a revision in depreciation expense for a facility that is being depreciated at an incremental rate of 6.67% per year instead of the general system rate of 1.62% per year, higher electric compression costs of \$4 million and higher amortization expense of \$3 million related to acquisition costs assigned to our utility plant.

Interest and Debt Expense

Below is the analysis of our interest expense for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 (in millions):

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Long term debt	\$31	\$31	\$92	\$82
Commercial paper	—	1	—	7
Other interest	3	2	7	6
Less: capitalized interest	<u>(1)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Total interest expense	<u>\$33</u>	<u>\$34</u>	<u>\$98</u>	<u>\$93</u>

Interest and debt expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, was \$5 million higher than the same period in 2002 primarily due to the issuance of \$240 million of long-term debt in June 2002 offset by a decrease in commercial paper interest expense due to the discontinuation of commercial paper activity in the fourth quarter of 2002.

Affiliated Interest Income, Net

Third Quarter 2003 compared to Third Quarter 2002

Affiliated interest income, net for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, was \$1 million lower than the same period in 2002 due primarily to lower average advances to El Paso under its cash management program offset by higher short-term interest rates in 2003. The average advance balance due from El Paso of \$598 million for the third quarter of 2002 decreased to \$396 million during the same period in 2003. The average short-term interest rates for the third quarter increased from 1.8% in 2002 to 1.9% during the same period in 2003.

Nine Months Ended 2003 compared to Nine Months Ended 2002

Affiliated interest income, net for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, was \$5 million lower than the same period in 2002 due primarily to lower average advances to El Paso under its cash management program and lower short-term interest rates in 2003. The average advance balance due from El Paso of \$500 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 decreased to \$118 million during the same period

in 2003. The average short-term interest rates decreased from 1.9% in 2002 to 1.6% during the same period in 2003.

Income Taxes

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(In millions, except for rates)			
Income taxes	\$ 7	\$10	\$36	\$32
Effective tax rate	29%	29%	29%	28%

Our effective tax rates were different than the statutory rate of 35 percent in all periods, primarily due to state income tax net operating losses which reduced the rate.

Other

CanEast. In June 2003, we completed the CanEast Project which extends our mainline system, through a combination of lease capacity and facility modifications, to the Leidy Hub in Leidy, Pennsylvania and expands our capacity in that area by about 127 MMcf/d. Total year to date expenditures on the project were approximately \$6 million.

South Texas Expansion. The South Texas Expansion Project connects our existing South Texas system in Hidalgo County, Texas to Gasoducto del Rio, Mexico and is designed to ultimately deliver an incremental 312 MMcf/d to the Rio Bravo power generation complex in northern Mexico. The first phase of the project, which provides 220 MMcf/d of capacity, was placed in service in August 2003. Total year to date expenditures on the first phase were approximately \$16 million. Construction has begun on the second phase of the project and we expect to place it in service during the fourth quarter of 2003. Total year to date expenditures on the second phase have been approximately \$4 million.

Commitments and Contingencies

See Item 1, Financial Statements, Note 4, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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

This report contains or incorporates by reference 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.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

This information updates, and you should read it in conjunction with, information disclosed in Part II, Item 7A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, in addition to the information presented in Items 1 and 2 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

There are no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risks from those reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Controls and Procedures. Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (Disclosure Controls) and internal controls over financial reporting (Internal Controls) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act).

Definition of Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls. Disclosure Controls are our controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified under the Exchange Act. Disclosure Controls include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Internal Controls are procedures which are designed with the objective of providing reasonable assurance that (1) our transactions are properly authorized; (2) our assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use; and (3) our transactions are properly recorded and reported, all to permit the preparation of our financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company’s management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, does not expect that our Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls will prevent all errors and all fraud. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Therefore, a control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Our

Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls are designed to provide such reasonable assurances of achieving our desired control objectives, and our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls are effective in achieving that level of reasonable assurance.

No Significant Changes in Internal Controls. We have sought to determine whether there were any “significant deficiencies” or “material weaknesses” in Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company’s Internal Controls, or whether the company had identified any acts of fraud involving personnel who have a significant role in Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company’s Internal Controls. This information was important both for the controls evaluation generally and because the principal executive officer and principal financial officer are required to disclose that information to our Board’s Audit Committee and our independent auditors and to report on related matters in this section of the Quarterly Report. The principal executive officer and principal financial officer note that there has not been any change in Internal Controls that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Internal Controls.

Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls. Based on the controls evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Disclosure Controls are effective to ensure that material information relating to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and its consolidated subsidiaries is made known to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, on a timely basis.

Officer Certifications. The certifications from the principal executive officer and principal financial officer required under Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have been included as Exhibits to this Quarterly Report.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements, Note 4, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security-Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

a. Exhibits

Each exhibit identified below is filed as a part of this report. Exhibits not incorporated by reference to a prior filing are designated by an “*”; 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 § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*31.B	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.A	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.B	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 as adopted pursuant to § 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. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, all constituent instruments defining the rights of holders of our long-term debt 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.

b. Reports on Form 8-K

None.

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.

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

Date: November 10, 2003

/s/ JOHN W. SOMERHALDER II

John W. Somerhalder II
Chairman of the Board and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 10, 2003

/s/ GREG G. GRUBER

Greg G. Gruber
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Director
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)