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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	001-33366 (Commission File Number)	20-5913059 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) (713) 375-5000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	77002 (Zip Code)
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of October 27, 2016, the issuer had 57,104,348 common units, 145,333,334 Class B units and 135,383,831 subordinated units outstanding.

CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.
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DEFINITIONS

As commonly used in the liquefied natural gas industry, to the extent applicable and as used in this quarterly report, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

Common Industry and Other Terms

Bcf	billion cubic feet
Bcf/d	billion cubic feet per day
Bcf/yr	billion cubic feet per year
Bcfe	billion cubic feet equivalent
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EPC	engineering, procurement and construction
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FTA	countries with which the United States has a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles in the United States
Henry Hub	the final settlement price (in USD per MMBtu) for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which a relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled to begin
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	liquefied natural gas, a product of natural gas consisting primarily of methane (CH ₄) that is in liquid form at near atmospheric pressure
MMBtu	million British thermal units, an energy unit
mtpa	million tonnes per annum
non-FTA countries	countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is permitted
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SPA	LNG sale and purchase agreement
Train	an industrial facility comprised of a series of refrigerant compressor loops used to cool natural gas into LNG
TUA	terminal use agreement

Abbreviated Organizational Structure

The following diagram depicts our abbreviated organizational structure as of September 30, 2016, including our ownership of certain subsidiaries, and the references to these entities used in this quarterly report:

Unless the context requires otherwise, references to “Cheniere Partners,” “the Partnership,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE MKT: CQP) and its consolidated subsidiaries, including SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

References to “Blackstone Group” refer to The Blackstone Group, L.P. References to “Blackstone CQP Holdco” refer to Blackstone CQP Holdco LP. References to “Blackstone” refer to Blackstone Group and Blackstone CQP Holdco.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except unit data)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,469	\$ 146,221
Restricted cash	568,549	274,557
Accounts and other receivables	51,006	741
Accounts receivable—affiliate	56,739	1,271
Advances to affiliate	42,925	39,836
Inventory	60,520	16,667
Other current assets	16,184	14,182
Total current assets	808,392	493,475
Non-current restricted cash		
	13,650	13,650
Property, plant and equipment, net	13,788,657	11,931,602
Debt issuance costs, net	103,728	132,091
Non-current derivative assets	11,247	30,304
Other non-current assets	216,919	232,031
Total assets	\$ 14,942,593	\$ 12,833,153
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 20,333	\$ 16,407
Accrued liabilities	387,348	224,292
Current debt, net	1,762,704	1,673,379
Due to affiliates	101,556	115,123
Deferred revenue	26,709	26,669
Deferred revenue—affiliate	717	717
Derivative liabilities	12,707	6,430
Other current liabilities	263	—
Total current liabilities	2,312,337	2,063,017
Long-term debt, net		
	12,195,743	10,018,325
Non-current deferred revenue	6,500	9,500
Non-current derivative liabilities	16,501	2,884
Other non-current liabilities	167	175
Other non-current liabilities—affiliate	29,083	26,321
Partners' equity		
	149,958	305,747

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Common unitholders' interest (57.1 million units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015)		
Class B unitholders' interest (145.3 million units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015)	(8,525)	(37,429)
Subordinated unitholders' interest (135.4 million units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015)	230,864	428,035
General partner's interest (2% interest with 6.9 million units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015)	9,965	16,578
Total partners' equity	382,262	712,931
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 14,942,593	\$ 12,833,153

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per unit data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues				
Regasification revenues	\$66,262	\$66,596	\$196,768	\$199,804
Regasification revenues—affiliate	716	941	3,068	2,952
LNG revenues	248,195	—	333,555	—
LNG revenues—affiliate	16,236	—	16,236	—
Total revenues	331,409	67,537	549,627	202,756
Operating costs and expenses				
Cost (cost recovery) of sales (excluding depreciation and amortization expense shown separately below)	158,663	(31,774)	211,861	(30,990)
Cost of sales—affiliate	1,430	—	1,430	—
Operating and maintenance expense	37,613	8,992	79,556	48,830
Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate	13,756	8,081	35,901	20,355
Development expense	1	113	137	2,631
Development expense—affiliate	87	152	369	562
General and administrative expense	2,978	3,673	9,378	11,269
General and administrative expense—affiliate	24,454	25,692	67,865	80,761
Depreciation and amortization expense	44,529	16,687	92,101	47,557
Total operating costs and expenses	283,511	31,616	498,598	180,975
Income from operations	47,898	35,921	51,029	21,781
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(113,227)	(49,360)	(228,678)	(142,353)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	(25,765)	—	(53,526)	(96,273)
Derivative gain (loss), net	9,183	(10,872)	(26,417)	(46,541)
Other income	402	179	1,052	535
Total other expense	(129,407)	(60,053)	(307,569)	(284,632)
Net loss	\$(81,509)	\$(24,132)	\$(256,540)	\$(262,851)
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common unit	\$(0.27)	\$0.18	\$(0.56)	\$(0.44)
Weighted average number of common units outstanding used for basic and diluted net income (loss) per common unit calculation	57,086	57,081	57,085	57,081

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CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' EQUITY

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Common Unitholders' Interest		Class B Unitholders' Interest		Subordinated Unitholder's Interest		General Partner's Interest		Total Partners' Equity
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	Units	Amount	
Balance at December 31, 2015	57,084	\$305,747	145,333	\$(37,429)	135,384	\$428,035	6,894	\$16,578	\$712,931
Net loss	—	(74,569)	—	—	—	(176,840)	—	(5,131)	(256,540)
Distributions	—	(72,783)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,485)	(74,268)
Issuance of common units as compensation to non-management directors	5	136	—	—	—	—	—	3	139
Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of Class B units	—	(8,573)	—	28,904	—	(20,331)	—	—	—
Balance at September 30, 2016	57,089	\$149,958	145,333	\$(8,525)	135,384	\$230,864	6,894	\$9,965	\$382,262

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	\$(256,540)	\$(262,851)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Non-cash LNG inventory write-downs	—	17,826
Depreciation and amortization expense	92,101	47,557
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discount	14,176	7,546
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	53,526	96,273
Total losses on derivatives, net	48,555	13,040
Net cash used for settlement of derivative instruments	(8,775)	(40,796)
Other	136	92
Changes in restricted cash for certain operating activities	54,551	167,083
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and other receivables	(30,897)	238
Accounts receivable—affiliate	(36,274)	(48)
Advances to affiliate	(398)	(27,672)
Inventory	(26,175)	(24,080)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	107,047	558
Due to affiliates	9,217	(8,154)
Deferred revenue	(2,960)	(3,003)
Other, net	(4,865)	(6,754)
Other, net—affiliate	430	22,198
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12,855	(947)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Property, plant and equipment, net	(1,884,238)	(2,130,959)
Use of restricted cash for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	1,914,532	2,178,481
Other	(38,319)	(50,711)
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,025)	(3,189)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuances of debt	5,418,500	2,250,000
Repayments of debt	(3,130,000)	—
Debt issuance and deferred financing costs	(89,433)	(177,001)
Investment in restricted cash	(2,263,075)	(2,072,999)
Distributions to owners	(74,268)	(74,261)
Other	(306)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(138,582)	(74,261)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(133,752)	(78,397)
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period	146,221	248,830
Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$12,469	\$170,433

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CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

NOTE 1—BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of Cheniere Partners have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation, have been included. Certain reclassifications have been made to conform prior period information to the current presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on our overall consolidated financial position, operating results or cash flows.

In 2016, we started production at our natural gas liquefaction facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the “Liquefaction Project”). As a result, we introduced a new line item entitled “cost of sales” and modified the components of activity included in “operating and maintenance expense” on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. To conform to the new presentation, reclassifications were made to the prior periods. Cost of sales includes costs incurred directly for the production and delivery of LNG from the Liquefaction Project such as natural gas feedstock, variable transportation and storage costs, derivative gains and losses associated with economic hedges to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project, and other related costs to convert natural gas into LNG, all to the extent not utilized for the commissioning process. These costs were reclassified from operating and maintenance expense. Operating and maintenance expense now includes costs associated with operating and maintaining the Liquefaction Project such as third-party service and maintenance contract costs, payroll and benefit costs of operations personnel, natural gas transportation and storage capacity demand charges, derivative gains and losses related to the sale and purchase of LNG associated with the regasification terminal, insurance and regulatory costs.

Additionally, we distinguished and reclassified our historical “revenues” line item into “regasification revenues” and “LNG revenues.” Regasification revenues include LNG regasification capacity reservation fees that are received pursuant to our TUAs and tug services fees that are received by Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SPLNG. Substantially all of our regasification revenues are received from our two long-term TUA customers. LNG revenues include fees that are received pursuant to our SPAs and related LNG marketing activities. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we received 70% and 77%, respectively, of our net LNG revenues from one SPA customer.

Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that will be realized for the year ending December 31, 2016.

We are not subject to either federal or state income tax, as our partners are taxed individually on their allocable share of our taxable income.

For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

NOTE 2—UNITHOLDERS’ EQUITY

The common units, Class B units and subordinated units represent limited partner interests in us. The holders of the units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Generally, our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from operating surplus as defined in the partnership agreement.

The holders of common units have the right to receive initial quarterly distributions of \$0.425 per common unit, plus any arrearages thereon, before any distribution is made to the holders of the subordinated units. The holders of subordinated units will receive distributions only to the extent we have available cash above the initial quarterly distribution requirement for our common unitholders and general partner and certain reserves. Subordinated units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis when we meet financial tests specified in the partnership agreement. Although common and subordinated unitholders are not obligated to fund losses of the Partnership, their capital accounts, which would be considered in allocating the net assets of the Partnership were it to be liquidated, continue to share in losses.

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 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—CONTINUED
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The general partner interest is entitled to at least 2% of all distributions made by us. In addition, the general partner holds incentive distribution rights (“IDRs”), which allow the general partner to receive a higher percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the initial quarterly distributions have been achieved and as additional target levels are met. The higher percentages range from 15% to 50%.

During 2012, Blackstone CQP Holdco and Cheniere completed their purchases of a new class of equity interests representing limited partner interests in us (“Class B units”) for total consideration of \$1.5 billion and \$500.0 million, respectively. Proceeds from the financings were used to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into service the first two Trains of the Liquefaction Project. In May 2013, Cheniere purchased an additional 12.0 million Class B units for consideration of \$180.0 million in connection with our acquisition of CTPL and Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC. In 2013, Cheniere formed Cheniere Holdings to hold its limited partner interests in us. The Class B units are subject to conversion, mandatorily or at the option of the Class B unitholders under specified circumstances, into a number of common units based on the then-applicable conversion value of the Class B units. The Class B units are not entitled to cash distributions except in the event of our liquidation or a merger, consolidation or other combination of us with another person or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. On a quarterly basis beginning on the date of the initial purchase date of the Class B units, the conversion value of the Class B units increases at a compounded rate of 3.5% per quarter, subject to additional upward adjustment for certain equity and debt financings. The accreted conversion ratio of the Class B units owned by Cheniere Holdings and Blackstone CQP Holdco was 1.80 and 1.77, respectively, as of September 30, 2016. We expect the Class B units to mandatorily convert into common units within 90 days of the substantial completion date of Train 3 of the Liquefaction Project, which we currently expect to occur before June 30, 2017. If the Class B units are not mandatorily converted by July 2019, the holders of the Class B units have the option to convert the Class B units into common units at that time.

NOTE 3—RESTRICTED CASH

Restricted cash consists of funds that are contractually restricted as to usage or withdrawal and have been presented separately from cash and cash equivalents on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, restricted cash consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Current restricted cash		
SPLNG debt service and interest payment	\$ 115,490	\$ 77,415
Liquefaction Project	325,630	189,260
CTPL construction and interest payment	—	7,882
CQP and cash held by guarantor subsidiaries	127,429	—
Total current restricted cash	\$ 568,549	\$ 274,557
Non-current restricted cash		
SPLNG debt service	\$ 13,650	\$ 13,650

Under the indentures governing the senior notes issued by SPLNG (the “SPLNG Indentures”), except for permitted tax distributions, SPLNG may not make distributions until certain conditions are satisfied, including: (1) there must be on deposit in an interest payment account an amount equal to one-sixth of the semi-annual interest payment multiplied by the number of elapsed months since the last semi-annual interest payment, and (2) there must be on deposit in a

permanent debt service reserve fund an amount equal to one semi-annual interest payment. Distributions are permitted only after satisfying the foregoing funding requirements, a fixed charge coverage ratio test of 2:1 and other conditions specified in the SPLNG Indentures. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, SPLNG made distributions of \$230.4 million and \$267.9 million, respectively, after satisfying all the applicable conditions in the SPLNG Indentures.

In February 2016, we entered into a \$2.8 billion credit facility (the “2016 CQP Credit Facilities”). We, and Cheniere Investments and CTPL as our guarantor subsidiaries, are subject to limitations on the use of cash under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities and the related depositary agreement governing the extension of credit to us. Specifically, we, Cheniere Investments and CTPL may only withdraw funds from collateral accounts held at a designated depositary bank on a monthly basis and for specific purposes, including for the payment of operating expenses. In addition, distributions and capital expenditures may only be made quarterly and are subject to certain restrictions.

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NOTE 4—ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, accounts and other receivables consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
SPL trade receivable	\$ 38,432	\$ —
Interest receivable	93	23
Other accounts receivable	12,481	718
Total accounts and other receivables	\$ 51,006	\$ 741

Pursuant to the accounts agreement entered into with the collateral trustee for the benefit of SPL's debt holders, SPL is required to deposit all cash received into reserve accounts controlled by the collateral trustee. The usage or withdrawal of such cash is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the Liquefaction Project and other restricted payments. As of September 30, 2016, the entire balance of the SPL trade receivable was from a single SPA customer.

NOTE 5—INVENTORY

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, inventory consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Natural gas	\$ 4,181	\$ 5,724
LNG	25,778	3,690
Materials and other	30,561	7,253
Total inventory	\$ 60,520	\$ 16,667

NOTE 6—PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consists of LNG terminal costs and fixed assets, as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
LNG terminal costs		
LNG terminal	\$7,976,532	\$2,478,036
LNG terminal construction-in-process	6,303,397	9,859,836
LNG site and related costs, net	129	135
Accumulated depreciation	(497,097)	(411,907)
Total LNG terminal costs, net	13,782,961	11,926,100
Fixed assets		
Computer and office equipment	1,451	1,126
Furniture and fixtures	1,667	1,375
Computer software	4,498	4,238
Machinery and equipment	1,973	1,906
Vehicles	3,124	2,081

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Other	99	93
Accumulated depreciation	(7,116) (5,317
Total fixed assets, net	5,696	5,502
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$13,788,657	\$11,931,602

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we realized offsets to LNG terminal costs of \$58.7 million and \$201.0 million, respectively, that were related to the sale of commissioning cargoes because these amounts were earned prior to the start of commercial operations, during the testing phase for the construction of Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project.

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NOTE 7—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We have entered into the following derivative instruments that are reported at fair value:

• interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under certain of our credit facilities (“Interest Rate Derivatives”);

• commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts for the commissioning and operation of the Liquefaction Project (“Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”) and associated economic hedges (“Financial Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”, and collectively with the Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives, the “Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”); and

• commodity derivatives to hedge the exposure to price risk attributable to future: (1) sales of our LNG inventory and (2) purchases of natural gas to operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal (“Natural Gas Derivatives”).

None of our derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedging instruments, and changes in fair value are recorded within our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

SPLNG has elected to account for a portion of the Natural Gas Derivatives as normal purchase normal sale transactions, exempt from fair value accounting. Gains and losses for these physical hedges are not reflected on our Consolidated Statements of Operations until the period of delivery. SPLNG had not posted collateral for such forward contracts as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value of our derivative instruments that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, which are classified as other current assets, non-current derivative assets, derivative liabilities or non-current derivative liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	Fair Value Measurements as of				December 31, 2015			
	September 30, 2016				December 31, 2015			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives liability	\$—	\$(15,948)	\$—	\$(15,948)	\$—	\$(8,740)	\$—	\$(8,740)
CQP Interest Rate Derivatives liability	—	(12,166)	—	(12,166)	—	—	—	—
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives asset (liability)	(10,527)	5275	12,480	12,100	—	(25)	32,492	32,467
Natural Gas Derivatives asset	—	—	—	—	—	39	—	39

We value our Interest Rate Derivatives using valuations based on the initial trade prices. Using an income-based approach, subsequent valuations are based on observable inputs to the valuation model including interest rate curves, risk adjusted discount rates, credit spreads and other relevant data. The estimated fair values of our Natural Gas Derivatives are the amounts at which the instruments could be exchanged currently between willing parties. We value these derivatives using observable commodity price curves and other relevant data.

The fair value of substantially all of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is developed through the use of internal models which are impacted by inputs that are unobservable in the marketplace. As a result, the fair value of

our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is designated as Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy. The curves used to generate the fair value of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are based on basis adjustments applied to forward curves for a liquid trading point. In addition, there may be observable liquid market basis information in the near term, but terms of a particular Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives contract may exceed the period for which such information is available, resulting in a Level 3 classification. In these instances, the fair value of the contract incorporates extrapolation assumptions made in the determination of the market basis price for future delivery periods in which applicable commodity basis prices were either not observable or lacked corroborative market data. Internal fair value models include conditions precedent to the respective long-term natural gas supply contracts. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, some of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives existed within markets for which the pipeline infrastructure is under development to accommodate marketable physical gas flow. Accordingly, our internal

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fair value models are based on market prices that equate to our own contractual pricing due to: (1) the inactive and unobservable market and (2) conditions precedent and their impact on the uncertainty in the timing of our actual receipt of the physical volumes associated with each forward. The fair value of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is predominantly driven by market commodity basis prices and our assessment of the associated conditions precedent, including evaluating whether the respective market is available as pipeline infrastructure is developed. Upon the completion and placement into service of relevant pipeline infrastructure to accommodate marketable physical gas flow, we recognize a gain or loss based on the fair value of the respective natural gas supply contracts as of the reporting date.

As all of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are either purely index-priced or index-priced with a fixed basis, we do not believe that a significant change in market commodity prices would have a material impact on our Level 3 fair value measurements. The following table includes quantitative information for the unobservable inputs for our Level 3 Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as of September 30, 2016:

	Net Fair Value Asset (in thousands)	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Input	Significant Unobservable Inputs Range
Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	\$12,480	Income Approach	Basis Spread	\$(0.35) - \$(0.03)

The following table (in thousands) shows the changes in the fair value of our Level 3 Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Balance, beginning of period	\$22,434	\$440	\$32,492	\$342
Realized and mark-to-market losses:				
Included in cost of sales (1)	(10,567)	32,177	(20,482)	32,204
Purchases and settlements:				
Purchases	968	—	968	—
Settlements (1)	(308)	(71)	(741)	—
Transfers out of Level 3 (2)	(47)	—	243	—
Balance, end of period	\$12,480	\$32,546	\$12,480	\$32,546
Change in unrealized gains relating to instruments still held at end of period	\$(10,567)	\$—	\$(19,763)	\$—

(1) Does not include the decrease in fair value of \$0.7 million related to the realized gains capitalized during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

(2) Transferred to Level 2 as a result of observable market for the underlying natural gas supply contracts. Derivative assets and liabilities arising from our derivative contracts with the same counterparty are reported on a net basis, as all counterparty derivative contracts provide for net settlement. The use of derivative instruments exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments in instances when our derivative instruments are in an asset position.

Interest Rate Derivatives

SPL Interest Rate Derivatives

SPL has entered into interest rate swaps (“SPL Interest Rate Derivatives”) to protect against volatility of future cash flows and hedge a portion of the variable interest payments on the credit facilities it entered into in June 2015 (the “2015 SPL Credit Facilities”). The SPL Interest Rate Derivatives hedge a portion of the expected outstanding borrowings over the term of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In March 2015, SPL settled a portion of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives and recognized a derivative loss of \$34.7 million within our Consolidated Statements of Operations in conjunction with the termination of approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the previous credit facilities.

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CQP Interest Rate Derivatives

In March 2016, we entered into interest rate swaps (“CQP Interest Rate Derivatives”) to protect against volatility of future cash flows and hedge a portion of the variable interest payments on the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities. The CQP Interest Rate Derivatives hedge a portion of the expected outstanding borrowings over the term of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities.

As of September 30, 2016, we had the following Interest Rate Derivatives outstanding:

	Initial Notional Amount	Maximum Notional Amount	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Weighted Average Fixed Interest Rate Paid	Variable Interest Rate Received
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	\$20.0 million	\$628.8 million	August 14, 2012	July 31, 2019	1.98%	One-month LIBOR
CQP Interest Rate Derivatives	\$225.0 million	\$1.3 billion	March 22, 2016	February 29, 2020	1.19%	One-month LIBOR

The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value and location of our Interest Rate Derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	CQP Interest Rate Derivatives	Total	SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	CQP Interest Rate Derivatives	Total
Derivative liabilities	\$(6,376)	\$(5,248)	\$(11,624)	\$(5,940)	\$—	—\$(5,940)
Non-current derivative liabilities	(9,572)	(6,918)	(16,490)	(2,800)	—	(2,800)
Total derivative liabilities	\$(15,948)	\$(12,166)	\$(28,114)	\$(8,740)	\$—	—\$(8,740)

The following table (in thousands) shows the changes in the fair value and settlements of our Interest Rate Derivatives recorded in derivative gain (loss), net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives gain (loss)	\$2,557	\$(10,872)	\$(13,473)	\$(46,541)
CQP Interest Rate Derivatives gain (loss)	6,626	—	(12,944)	—

Commodity Derivatives

Liquefaction Supply Derivatives

SPL has entered into index-based physical natural gas supply contracts and associated economic hedges to purchase natural gas for the commissioning and operation of the Liquefaction Project. The terms of the physical natural gas supply contracts primarily range from approximately one to seven years and commence upon the satisfaction of

certain conditions precedent, including but not limited to the date of first commercial operation of specified Trains of the Liquefaction Project. We recognize our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are reported in earnings. As of September 30, 2016, SPL has secured up to approximately 1,982.0 million MMBtu of natural gas feedstock through natural gas supply contracts. The notional natural gas position of our Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives was approximately 1,069.0 million MMBtu as of September 30, 2016.

Our Financial Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are executed through over-the-counter contracts which are subject to nominal credit risk as these transactions are settled on a daily margin basis with investment grade financial institutions. We are required by these financial institutions to use margin deposits as credit support for our Financial Liquefaction Supply Derivatives activities.

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Natural Gas Derivatives

Our Natural Gas Derivatives were executed through over-the-counter contracts which were subject to nominal credit risk as these transactions settled on a daily margin basis with investment grade financial institutions. We were required by these financial institutions to use margin deposits as credit support for our Natural Gas Derivatives activities. As of September 30, 2016, we did not have any open Natural Gas Derivatives positions or margin deposits at financial institutions.

We recognize all commodity derivative instruments that qualify for derivative accounting treatment, including our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives and our Natural Gas Derivatives (collectively, “Commodity Derivatives”), as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of our Commodity Derivatives are reported in earnings.

The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value and location of our Commodity Derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Liquefaction Supply Derivative (1)	Natural Gas Derivatives	Total	Liquefaction Supply Derivative (2)	Natural Gas Derivatives	Total
Other current assets	\$ 1,947	\$ —	—\$1,947	\$ 2,737	\$ 39	\$ 2,776
Non-current derivative assets	11,247	—	11,247	30,304	—	30,304
Total derivative assets	13,194	—	13,194	33,041	39	33,080
Derivative liabilities	(1,083)	—	(1,083)	(490)	—	(490)
Non-current derivative liabilities	(11)	—	(11)	(84)	—	(84)
Total derivative liabilities	(1,094)	—	(1,094)	(574)	—	(574)
Derivative asset, net	\$ 12,100	\$ —	—\$12,100	\$ 32,467	\$ 39	\$ 32,506

(1) Does not include collateral of \$1.5 million deposited for such contracts, which is included in other current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2016.

(2) Does not include collateral of \$0.4 million deposited for such contracts, which is included in other current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015.

The following table (in thousands) shows the changes in the fair value, settlements and location of our Commodity Derivatives recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

Statement of Operations Location	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives gain	\$ 374	\$ —	—\$368	\$ —
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives gain (loss) (1)	(10,416)	32,103	(22,680)	32,184
Natural Gas Derivatives gain	—	857	174	1,317

(1) Does not include the realized value associated with derivative instruments that settle through physical delivery.

The use of Commodity Derivatives exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments in instances when our Commodity Derivatives are in an asset position.

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Balance Sheet Presentation

Our derivative instruments are presented on a net basis on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as described above. The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value of our derivatives outstanding on a gross and net basis:

Offsetting Derivative Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Amounts Recognized	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of September 30, 2016			
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	\$ (15,948)	\$ —	\$ (15,948)
CQP Interest Rate Derivatives	(12,166)	—	(12,166)
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	13,740	(546)	13,194
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	(2,803)	1,709	(1,094)
As of December 31, 2015			
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	\$ (8,740)	\$ —	\$ (8,740)
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	33,636	(595)	33,041
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	(574)	—	(574)
Natural Gas Derivatives	188	(149)	39

NOTE 8—OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, other non-current assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Advances made under EPC and non-EPC contracts	\$ 13,678	\$ 32,049
Advances made to municipalities for water system enhancements	95,551	89,953
Tax-related payments and receivables	27,718	27,615
Information technology service assets	28,740	30,371
Other	51,232	52,043
Total other non-current assets	\$ 216,919	\$ 232,031

NOTE 9—ACCRUED LIABILITIES

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Interest costs and related debt fees	\$ 194,583	\$ 150,336
Liquefaction Project costs	186,399	67,006
LNG terminal costs	4,430	3,918
Other accrued liabilities	1,936	3,032
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 387,348	\$ 224,292

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NOTE 10—DEBT

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, our debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Long-term debt:		
SPLNG		
6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2020 (“2020 SPLNG Senior Notes”) (1)	\$420,000	\$420,000
SPL		
5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (“2021 SPL Senior Notes”), net of unamortized premium of \$7,573 and \$8,718	2,007,573	2,008,718
6.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (“2022 SPL Senior Notes”)	1,000,000	1,000,000
5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 (“2023 SPL Senior Notes”), net of unamortized premium of \$5,844 and \$6,392	1,505,844	1,506,392
5.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (“2024 SPL Senior Notes”)	2,000,000	2,000,000
5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (“2025 SPL Senior Notes”)	2,000,000	2,000,000
5.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2026 (“2026 SPL Senior Notes”)	1,500,000	—
5.00% Senior Secured Notes due 2027 (“2027 SPL Senior Notes”)	1,500,000	—
2015 SPL Credit Facilities	—	845,000
CTPL		
\$400.0 million Term Loan Facility (“CTPL Term Loan”), net of unamortized discount of zero and \$1,429	—	398,571
Cheniere Partners		
2016 CQP Credit Facilities	450,000	—
Unamortized debt issuance costs (2)	(187,674) (160,356)
Total long-term debt, net	12,195,743	10,018,325
Current debt:		
7.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2016 (“2016 SPLNG Senior Notes”), net of unamortized discount of \$782 and \$4,303 (3)	1,664,718	1,661,197
\$1.2 billion SPL Working Capital Facility (“SPL Working Capital Facility”)	98,500	15,000
Unamortized debt issuance costs (2)	(514) (2,818)
Total current debt, net	1,762,704	1,673,379
Total debt, net	\$13,958,447	\$11,691,704

Must be redeemed or repaid concurrently with the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities if the obligations under the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes are satisfied with borrowings under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities. See Note 15—Subsequent Events for additional details about the redemption of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes.

Effective January 1, 2016, we adopted ASU 2015-03 and ASU 2015-15, which require debt issuance costs related to term notes to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability, rather than as an asset, retrospectively for each reporting period presented. As a result, we reclassified \$160.4 million and \$2.8 million from debt issuance costs, net to long-term debt, net and current debt, net, respectively, as of December 31, 2015.

Matures on November 30, 2016. We currently anticipate satisfying this obligation with borrowings under the 2016 (3)CQP Credit Facilities. See Note 15—Subsequent Events for additional details about the intended repayment of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes.

2016 Debt Issuances and Redemptions

Senior Notes

In June and September 2016, SPL issued the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and the 2027 SPL Senior Notes, respectively, for aggregate principal amounts of \$1.5 billion each. Net proceeds of the offerings of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and 2027 SPL Senior Notes were approximately \$1.3 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, after deducting commissions, fees and expenses and

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incremental interest required under the respective senior notes during construction. The net proceeds were used to prepay a portion (for the 2026 SPL Senior Notes) or all (for the 2027 SPL Senior Notes) of the outstanding borrowings and terminate commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, resulting in a write-off of debt issuance costs associated with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities of \$25.8 million and \$51.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The remaining proceeds from the 2027 SPL Senior Notes are being used to pay a portion of the capital costs in connection with the construction of Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project in lieu of the terminated portion of the commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. The 2026 SPL Senior Notes and 2027 SPL Senior Notes accrue interest at fixed rates of 5.875% and 5.00%, respectively, and interest is payable semi-annually in arrears. The terms of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and 2027 SPL Senior Notes are governed by the same common indenture as the other senior notes of SPL, which contains customary terms and events of default, covenants and redemption terms.

In connection with the issuance of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and the 2027 SPL Senior Notes, SPL entered into registration rights agreements (the “SPL Registration Rights Agreements”). Under the terms of the SPL Registration Rights Agreements, SPL has agreed, and any future guarantors will agree, to use commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC and cause to become effective registration statements relating to offers to exchange any and all of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and 2027 SPL Senior Notes for like aggregate principal amounts of debt securities of SPL with terms identical in all material respects to the respective senior notes sought to be exchanged (other than with respect to restrictions on transfer or to any increase in annual interest rate), within 360 days after June 14, 2016 and September 23, 2016, respectively. Under specified circumstances, SPL has also agreed, and any future guarantors will also agree, to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective shelf registration statements relating to resales of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and the 2027 SPL Senior Notes. SPL will be obligated to pay additional interest on these senior notes if it fails to comply with its obligation to register them within the specified time period.

2016 CQP Credit Facilities

In February 2016, we entered into the \$2.8 billion 2016 CQP Credit Facilities, which consist of: (1) a \$450.0 million CTPL tranche term loan that was used to prepay the \$400.0 million CTPL Term Loan in February 2016, (2) an approximately \$2.1 billion SPLNG tranche term loan that will be used to redeem or repay the approximately \$2.1 billion of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes and the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes (which must be redeemed or repaid concurrently under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities), (3) a \$125.0 million debt service reserve credit facility (the “DSR Facility”) that may be used to satisfy a six-month debt service reserve requirement and (4) a \$115.0 million revolving credit facility that may be used for general business purposes.

The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to LIBOR or the base rate (equal to the highest of the prime rate, the federal funds effective rate, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 0.50% and adjusted one month LIBOR plus 1.0%), plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans is 2.25% per annum, and the applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.25% per annum, in each case with a 0.50% step-up beginning on February 25, 2019. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable LIBOR period (and at the end of every three month period within the LIBOR period, if any), and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each calendar quarter.

We incurred \$48.7 million of debt issuance costs as of September 30, 2016, and will incur an additional \$21.5 million of debt issuance costs when the SPLNG tranche is funded. The prepayment of the CTPL Term Loan resulted in a write-off of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. We pay a commitment fee equal to an annual rate of 40% of the margin for LIBOR loans multiplied by the

average daily amount of the undrawn commitment, payable quarterly in arrears. The DSR Facility and the revolving credit facility are both available for the issuance of letters of credit, which incur a fee equal to an annual rate of 2.25% of the undrawn portion with a 0.50% step-up beginning on February 25, 2019.

The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities mature on February 25, 2020, and the outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty, except for interest hedging and interest rate breakage costs. The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities contain conditions precedent for extensions of credit, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants and limit our ability to make restricted payments, including distributions, to once per fiscal quarter as long as certain conditions are satisfied. Under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities, we are required to hedge not less than 50% of the variable interest rate exposure on its projected aggregate outstanding balance, maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.15x at the end of each fiscal quarter beginning March 31, 2019 and have a projected debt service coverage ratio of 1.55x in order to incur additional indebtedness to refinance a portion of the existing obligations.

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The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities are unconditionally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than: (1) SPL, (2) SPLNG until funding of its tranche term loan and (3) certain of our subsidiaries owning other development projects, as well as certain other specified subsidiaries and members of the foregoing entities.

Credit Facilities

Below is a summary of our credit facilities outstanding as of September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	2015 SPL Credit Facilities	SPL Working Capital Facility	2016 CQP Credit Facilities
Original facility size	\$4,600,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,800,000
Outstanding balance	—	98,500	450,000
Commitments prepaid or terminated	2,643,867	—	—
Letters of credit issued	—	337,044	7,500
Available commitment	\$1,956,133	\$764,456	\$2,342,500
Interest rate	LIBOR plus 1.30% - 1.75% or base rate plus 1.75%	LIBOR plus 1.75% or base rate plus 0.75%	LIBOR plus 2.25% or base rate plus 1.25% (1)
Maturity date	Earlier of December 31, 2020 or second anniversary of SPL Trains 1 through 5 completion date	December 31, 2020, with various terms for underlying loans	February 25, 2020, with principals due quarterly commencing on February 19, 2019

(1) There is a 0.50% step-up for both LIBOR and base rate loans beginning on February 25, 2019.

Interest Expense

Total interest expense consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Total interest cost	\$220,165	\$185,167	\$618,626	\$520,078
Capitalized interest	(106,938)	(135,807)	(389,948)	(377,725)
Total interest expense, net	\$113,227	\$49,360	\$228,678	\$142,353

Fair Value Disclosures

The following table (in thousands) shows the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our debt:

	September 30, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Senior Notes, net of premium or discount (1)	\$ 13,598,135	\$ 14,395,545	\$ 10,596,307	\$ 9,525,809
CTPL Term Loan, net of discount (2)	—	—	398,571	400,000
Credit facilities (2) (3)	548,500	548,500	860,000	860,000

Includes 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, net of discount; 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes; 2021 SPL Senior Notes, net of premium; 2022 SPL Senior Notes; 2023 SPL Senior Notes, net of premium; 2024 SPL Senior Notes; 2025 SPL (1) Senior Notes; 2026 SPL Senior Notes; and 2027 SPL Senior Notes (collectively, the “Senior Notes”). The Level 2 estimated fair value was based on quotes obtained from broker-dealers or market makers of the Senior Notes and other similar instruments.

(2) The Level 3 estimated fair value approximates the principal amount because the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates and the debt may be repaid, in full or in part, at any time without penalty.

(3) Includes 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, SPL Working Capital Facility and 2016 CQP Credit Facilities.

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NOTE 11—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Below is a summary of our related party transactions as reported on our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Regasification revenues—affiliate Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and LNG Tug Boat Lease Sharing Agreement Other agreements Total regasification revenues—affiliate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 918	\$ —
LNG revenues—affiliate Cheniere Marketing Master SPA	16,236	—	16,236	—
Cost of sales—affiliate under the Pre-commercial LNG Marketing	430	—	1,430	—

Agreement

Operating and maintenance
expense—affiliate

Contracts

for

Sale

and

Purchase	734	607	734
of			

Natural

Gas

and

LNG

Services	13,770,349	35,324	19,629
Agreements			

Other	(14)	(2)	(30)	(8)
agreements				

Total

operating

and	3,756,081	35,901	20,355

maintenance

expense—affiliate

Development expense—affiliate

Services	87,152	369	562
Agreements			

General and administrative

expense—affiliate

Services	24,452,692	67,865	80,761
Agreements			

LNG Terminal Capacity Agreements

Terminal Use Agreements

SPL obtained approximately 2.0 Bcf/d of regasification capacity under a TUA with SPLNG as a result of an assignment in July 2012 by Cheniere Investments of its rights, title and interest under its TUA with SPLNG. SPL is obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$250 million per year (the “TUA Fees”), continuing until at least 20 years after SPL delivers its first commercial cargo at the Liquefaction Project.

In connection with this TUA, SPL is required to pay for a portion of the cost (primarily LNG inventory) to maintain the cryogenic readiness of the regasification facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, which is recorded as operating and maintenance expense on our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Cheniere Investments, SPL and SPLNG entered into the terminal use rights assignment and agreement (the “TURA”) pursuant to which Cheniere Investments has the right to use SPL’s reserved capacity under the TUA and has the obligation to pay the TUA Fees required by the TUA to SPLNG. However, the revenue earned by SPLNG from the TUA Fees and the loss incurred by Cheniere Investments under the TURA are eliminated upon consolidation of our Financial Statements. We have guaranteed the obligations of SPL under its TUA and the obligations of Cheniere

Investments under the TURA.

In an effort to utilize Cheniere Investments' reserved capacity under the TURA during construction of the Liquefaction Project, Cheniere Marketing has entered into an amended and restated variable capacity rights agreement with Cheniere Investments (the "Amended and Restated VCRA") pursuant to which Cheniere Marketing is obligated to pay Cheniere Investments 80% of the expected gross margin of each cargo of LNG that Cheniere Marketing arranges for delivery to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

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Cheniere Investments recorded no revenues—affiliate from Cheniere Marketing during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, related to the Amended and Restated VCRA.

Cheniere Marketing SPA

Cheniere Marketing has entered into an SPA with SPL to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG.

Cheniere Marketing Master SPA

In May 2015, SPL entered into an agreement with Cheniere Marketing that allows the parties to sell and purchase LNG with each other by executing and delivering confirmations under this agreement.

Commissioning Confirmation

In May 2015, under the Cheniere Marketing Master SPA, SPL executed a confirmation with Cheniere Marketing that obligates Cheniere Marketing in certain circumstances to buy LNG cargoes produced during the periods while Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. has control of, and is commissioning, the first four Trains of the Liquefaction Project.

Pre-commercial LNG Marketing Agreement

In May 2015, SPL entered into an agreement with Cheniere Marketing that authorizes Cheniere Marketing to act on SPL's behalf to market and sell pre-commercial LNG that has not been accepted by BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC, one of SPL's SPA customers. SPL pays a fee to Cheniere Marketing for marketing and transportation, which is based on volume sold under this agreement.

Services Agreements

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had \$42.9 million and \$39.8 million of advances to affiliates, respectively, under the services agreements described below. The non-reimbursement amounts incurred under the services agreements described below are recorded in general and administrative expense—affiliate.

Cheniere Partners Services Agreement

We have entered into a services agreement with Cheniere Terminals, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere, pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals is entitled to a quarterly non-accountable overhead reimbursement charge of \$2.8 million (adjusted for inflation) for the provision of various general and administrative services for our benefit. In addition, Cheniere Terminals is entitled to reimbursement for all audit, tax, legal and finance fees incurred by Cheniere Terminals that are necessary to perform the services under the agreement.

Cheniere Investments Information Technology Services Agreement

Cheniere Investments has entered into an information technology services agreement with Cheniere, pursuant to which Cheniere Investments' subsidiaries receive certain information technology services. On a quarterly basis, the various entities receiving the benefit are invoiced by Cheniere according to the cost allocation percentages set forth in the agreement. In addition, Cheniere is entitled to reimbursement for all costs incurred by Cheniere that are necessary

to perform the services under the agreement.

SPLNG O&M Agreement

SPLNG has entered into a long-term operation and maintenance agreement (the “SPLNG O&M Agreement”) with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which SPLNG receives all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal. SPLNG incurs a fixed monthly fee of \$130,000 (indexed for inflation) under the SPLNG O&M Agreement and the cost of a bonus equal to 50% of the salary component of labor costs in certain circumstances to be agreed upon between SPLNG and Cheniere Investments at the beginning of each operating year. In addition, SPLNG incurs costs to reimburse Cheniere Investments for its operating expenses, which consist primarily of labor expenses. Cheniere Investments provides the services

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required under the SPLNG O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the SPLNG O&M Agreement are required to be remitted to such subsidiary.

SPLNG MSA

SPLNG has entered into a long-term management services agreement (the “SPLNG MSA”) with Cheniere Terminals, pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the operation of the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal, excluding those matters provided for under the SPLNG O&M Agreement. SPLNG incurs a monthly fixed fee of \$520,000 (indexed for inflation) under the SPLNG MSA.

SPL O&M Agreement

SPL has entered into an operation and maintenance agreement (the “SPL O&M Agreement”) with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which SPL receives all of the necessary services required to construct, operate and maintain the Liquefaction Project. Before the Liquefaction Project is operational, the services to be provided include, among other services, obtaining governmental approvals on behalf of SPL, preparing an operating plan for certain periods, obtaining insurance, preparing staffing plans and preparing status reports. After the Liquefaction Project is operational, the services include all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Liquefaction Project. Before the Liquefaction Project is operational, in addition to reimbursement of operating expenses, SPL is required to pay a monthly fee equal to 0.6% of the capital expenditures incurred in the previous month. After substantial completion of each Train, for services performed while the Liquefaction Project is operational, SPL will pay, in addition to the reimbursement of operating expenses, a fixed monthly fee of \$83,333 (indexed for inflation) for services with respect to such Train. Cheniere Investments provides the services required under the SPL O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the SPL O&M Agreement are required to be remitted to such subsidiary.

SPL MSA

SPL has entered into a management services agreement (the “SPL MSA”) with Cheniere Terminals pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the construction and operation of the Liquefaction Project, excluding those matters provided for under the SPL O&M Agreement. The services include, among other services, exercising the day-to-day management of SPL’s affairs and business, managing SPL’s regulatory matters, managing bank and brokerage accounts and financial books and records of SPL’s business and operations, entering into financial derivatives on SPL’s behalf and providing contract administration services for all contracts associated with the Liquefaction Project. Under the SPL MSA, SPL pays a monthly fee equal to 2.4% of the capital expenditures incurred in the previous month. After substantial completion of each Train, SPL will pay a fixed monthly fee of \$541,667 (indexed for inflation) for services with respect to such Train.

CTPL O&M Agreement

CTPL has entered into an amended long-term operation and maintenance agreement (the “CTPL O&M Agreement”) with Cheniere Investments pursuant to which CTPL receives all necessary services required to operate and maintain the Creole Trail Pipeline. CTPL is required to reimburse the counterparty for its operating expenses, which consist primarily of labor expenses. Cheniere Investments provides the services required under the CTPL O&M Agreement pursuant to a secondment agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere. All payments received by Cheniere Investments under the CTPL O&M Agreement are required to be remitted to such subsidiary.

CTPL MSA

CTPL has entered into a management services agreement (the “CTPL MSA”) with Cheniere Terminals pursuant to which Cheniere Terminals manages the modification and operation of the Creole Trail Pipeline, excluding those matters provided for under the CTPL O&M Agreement. The services include, among other services, exercising the day-to-day management of CTPL’s affairs and business, managing CTPL’s regulatory matters, managing bank and brokerage accounts and financial books and records of CTPL’s business and operations and providing contract administration services for all contracts associated with the pipeline facilities. Under the CTPL MSA, CTPL pays a monthly fee equal to 3.0% of the capital expenditures to enable bi-directional natural gas flow on the Creole Trail Pipeline incurred in the previous month.

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Agreement to Fund SPLNG's Cooperative Endeavor Agreements ("CEAs")

SPLNG has executed CEAs with various Cameron Parish, Louisiana taxing authorities that allowed them to collect certain annual property tax payments from SPLNG from 2007 through 2016. This ten-year initiative represented an aggregate commitment of \$24.5 million in order to aid in their reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Rita, which SPLNG fulfilled its obligations in the first quarter of 2016. In exchange for SPLNG's advance payments of annual ad valorem taxes, Cameron Parish will grant SPLNG a dollar-for-dollar credit against future ad valorem taxes to be levied against the Sabine Pass LNG terminal starting in 2019. Beginning in September 2007, SPLNG entered into various agreements with Cheniere Marketing, pursuant to which Cheniere Marketing would pay SPLNG additional TUA revenues equal to any and all amounts payable by SPLNG to the Cameron Parish taxing authorities under the CEAs. In exchange for such amounts received as TUA revenues from Cheniere Marketing, SPLNG will make payments to Cheniere Marketing equal to, and in the year the Cameron Parish dollar-for-dollar credit is applied against, ad valorem tax levied on our LNG terminal.

On a consolidated basis, these advance tax payments were recorded to other non-current assets, and payments from Cheniere Marketing that SPLNG utilized to make the ad valorem tax payments were recorded as a long-term obligation. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had \$24.5 million and \$22.1 million, respectively, of both other non-current assets resulting from SPLNG's ad valorem tax payments and non-current liabilities—affiliate resulting from these payments received from Cheniere Marketing.

Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and LNG

SPLNG is able to sell and purchase natural gas and LNG under agreements with Cheniere Marketing. Under these agreements, SPLNG purchases natural gas or LNG from Cheniere Marketing at a sales price equal to the actual purchase price paid by Cheniere Marketing to suppliers of the natural gas or LNG, plus any third-party costs incurred by Cheniere Marketing with respect to the receipt, purchase and delivery of natural gas or LNG to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Tug Boat Lease Sharing Agreement

In connection with its tug boat lease, Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC ("Tug Services"), a wholly owned subsidiary of SPLNG, entered into a tug sharing agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheniere to provide its LNG cargo vessels with tug boat and marine services at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

LNG Terminal Export Agreement

In January 2010, SPLNG and Cheniere Marketing entered into an LNG Terminal Export Agreement that provides Cheniere Marketing the ability to export LNG from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. SPLNG did not record any revenues associated with this agreement during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

State Tax Sharing Agreements

In November 2006, SPLNG entered into a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which SPLNG and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, SPLNG will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that SPLNG would be required to

pay if its state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere for which Cheniere could have demanded payment from SPLNG under this agreement; therefore, Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from SPLNG. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after January 1, 2008.

In August 2012, SPL entered into a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which SPL and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, SPL will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that SPL would be required to pay if SPL's state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere for which Cheniere could have demanded payment from SPL under this agreement; therefore, Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from SPL. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after August 2012.

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In May 2013, CTPL entered into a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under this agreement, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which CTPL and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, CTPL will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that CTPL would be required to pay if CTPL's state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. There have been no state and local taxes paid by Cheniere for which Cheniere could have demanded payment from CTPL under this agreement; therefore, Cheniere has not demanded any such payments from CTPL. The agreement is effective for tax returns due on or after May 2013.

NOTE 12—NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON UNIT

Net income (loss) per common unit for a given period is based on the distributions that will be made to the unitholders with respect to the period plus an allocation of undistributed net income (loss) based on provisions of the partnership agreement, divided by the weighted average number of common units outstanding. Distributions paid by us are presented on the Consolidated Statement of Partners' Equity. On October 21, 2016, we declared a \$0.425 distribution per common unit and the related distribution to our general partner to be paid on November 11, 2016 to unitholders of record as of November 1, 2016 for the period from July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

The two-class method dictates that net income (loss) for a period be reduced by the amount of available cash that will be distributed with respect to that period and that any residual amount representing undistributed net income be allocated to common unitholders and other participating unitholders to the extent that each unit may share in net income as if all of the net income for the period had been distributed in accordance with the partnership agreement. Undistributed income is allocated to participating securities based on the distribution waterfall for available cash specified in the partnership agreement. Undistributed losses (including those resulting from distributions in excess of net income) are allocated to common units and other participating securities on a pro rata basis based on provisions of the partnership agreement. Historical income (loss) attributable to a company that was purchased from an entity under common control is allocated to the predecessor owner in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreement. Distributions are treated as distributed earnings in the computation of earnings per common unit even though cash distributions are not necessarily derived from current or prior period earnings.

The Class B units were issued at a discount to the market price of the common units into which they are convertible. This discount, totaling \$2,130.0 million, represents a beneficial conversion feature and is reflected as an increase in common and subordinated unitholders' equity and a decrease in Class B unitholders' equity to reflect the fair value of the Class B units at issuance on our Consolidated Statement of Partners' Equity. The beneficial conversion feature is considered a dividend that will be distributed ratably with respect to any Class B unit from its issuance date through its conversion date, resulting in an increase in Class B unitholders' equity and a decrease in common and subordinated unitholders' equity. We amortize the beneficial conversion feature assuming a conversion date of August 2017 for Cheniere Holdings' and Blackstone CQP Holdco's Class B units, although actual conversion may occur prior to or after these assumed dates. We are amortizing using the effective yield method with a weighted average effective yield of 888.7% per year and 966.1% per year for Cheniere Holdings' and Blackstone CQP Holdco's Class B units, respectively. The impact of the beneficial conversion feature is also included in earnings per unit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

The following is a schedule by years, based on the capital structure as of September 30, 2016, of the anticipated impact to the capital accounts in connection with the amortization of the beneficial conversion feature (in thousands):

	Common Units	Class B Units	Subordinated Units
2016	\$(29,567)	\$ 99,685	\$ (70,118)
2017	(594,462)	2,004,209	(1,409,747)

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Under our partnership agreement, the IDRs participate in net income (loss) only to the extent of the amount of cash distributions actually declared, thereby excluding the IDRs from participating in undistributed net income (loss). We did not allocate earnings or losses to IDR holders for the purpose of the two-class method earnings per unit calculation for any of the periods presented. The following table (in thousands, except per unit data) provides a reconciliation of net loss and the allocation of net loss to the common units, the subordinated units and the general partner units for purposes of computing net loss per unit.

	Total	Limited Partner Units			General Partner Units
		Common Units	Class B Units	Subordinated Units	
Three Months Ended September 30, 2016					
Net loss	\$(81,509)				
Declared distributions	24,758	24,263	—	—	495
Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of Class B units	—	(8,806)	29,691	(20,885)	—
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss	\$(106,267)	(30,890)	—	(73,252)	(2,125)
Assumed allocation of net income (loss)		\$(15,433)	\$29,691	\$(94,137)	\$(1,630)
Weighted average units outstanding		57,086	145,333	135,384	
Net income (loss) per unit		\$(0.27)	\$0.20	\$(0.70)	
Three Months Ended September 30, 2015					
Net loss	\$(24,132)				
Declared distributions	24,755	24,260	—	—	495
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss	\$(48,887)	(14,209)	—	(33,700)	(978)
Assumed allocation of net income (loss)		\$10,051	\$—	\$(33,700)	\$(483)
Weighted average units outstanding		57,081	145,333	135,384	
Net income (loss) per unit		\$0.18	\$—	\$(0.25)	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016					
Net loss	\$(256,540)				
Declared distributions	74,268	72,783	—	—	1,485
Amortization of beneficial conversion feature of Class B units	—	(8,806)	29,691	(20,885)	—
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss	\$(330,808)	(96,158)	—	(228,034)	(6,616)
Assumed allocation of net income (loss)		\$(32,181)	\$29,691	\$(248,919)	\$(5,131)
Weighted average units outstanding		57,085	145,333	135,384	
Net income (loss) per unit		\$(0.56)	\$0.20	\$(1.84)	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015					
Net loss	\$(262,851)				
Declared distributions	74,266	72,781	—	—	1,485
Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss	\$(337,117)	(97,984)	—	(232,389)	(6,744)
Assumed allocation of net loss		\$(25,203)	\$—	\$(232,389)	\$(5,259)

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Weighted average units outstanding	57,081	145,333	135,384
Net loss per unit	\$(0.44)	\$—	\$(1.72)

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NOTE 13—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table (in thousands) provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Cash paid during the period for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$138,939	\$80,150
Non-cash conveyance of assets	—	13,169

The balance in property, plant and equipment, net funded with accounts payable and accrued liabilities (including affiliate) was \$295.2 million and \$362.4 million as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 14—RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The following table provides a brief description of recent accounting standards that had not been adopted by the Partnership as of September 30, 2016:

Standard	Description	Expected Date of Adoption	Effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters
ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), and subsequent amendments thereto	This standard amends existing revenue recognition guidance and requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance may be early adopted beginning January 1, 2017, and may be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption.	January 1, 2018	We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.
ASU 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern	This standard requires an entity's management to evaluate, for each reporting period, whether there are conditions and events that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the financial statements are issued. Additional disclosures are required if management concludes that conditions or events raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Early adoption is permitted.	December 31, 2016	The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements or related disclosures.
ASU 2015-11, Inventory (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory	This standard requires inventory to be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. This	January 1, 2017	We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated

guidance may be early adopted and must be adopted prospectively.

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ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842)

This standard requires a lessee to recognize leases on its balance sheet by recording a liability representing the obligation to make future lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. A lessee is permitted to make an election not to recognize lease assets and liabilities for leases with a term of 12 months or less. The standard also modifies the definition of a lease and requires expanded disclosures. This guidance may be early adopted, and must be adopted using a modified retrospective approach with certain available practical expedients.

January 1, 2019

We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

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Standard	Description	Expected Date of Adoption	Effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters
ASU 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory	This standard requires the immediate recognition of the tax consequences of intercompany asset transfers other than inventory. This guidance may be early adopted, but only at the beginning of an annual period, and must be adopted using a modified retrospective approach.	January 1, 2018	We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

Additionally, the following table provides a brief description of recent accounting standards that were adopted by the Partnership during the reporting period:

Standard	Description	Date of Adoption	Effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements or Other Significant Matters
ASU 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis	These amendments primarily affect asset managers and reporting entities involved with limited partnerships or similar entities, but the analysis is relevant in the evaluation of any reporting organization's requirement to consolidate a legal entity. This guidance changes (1) the identification of variable interests, (2) the variable interest entity characteristics for a limited partnership or similar entity and (3) the primary beneficiary determination. This guidance may be early adopted, and may be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption.	January 1, 2016	The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements or related disclosures.
ASU 2015-03, Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs and ASU 2015-15, Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements	These standards require debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability rather than as an asset. Debt issuance costs incurred in connection with line of credit arrangements may be presented as an asset and subsequently amortized ratably over the term of the line of credit arrangement. This guidance may be early adopted, and must be adopted retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented.	January 1, 2016	Upon adoption of these standards, the balance of debt, net was reduced by the balance of debt issuance costs, net, except for the balance related to line of credit arrangements, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. See <u>Note 10—Debt</u> for additional disclosures.
ASU 2015-06, Earnings Per Share (Topic 260): Effects on Historical Earnings per Unit of	This standard requires a master limited partnership to allocate net income (losses) of a transferred business entirely to the general partner when computing earnings per unit for periods	January 1, 2016	The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our Consolidated Financial

Master Limited Partnership Dropdown Transactions	before the dropdown transaction occurred. This guidance also requires a master limited partnership to disclose the effects of the dropdown transaction on net income (losses) per unit for the periods before and after the dropdown transaction occurred. This guidance may be early adopted, and must be adopted retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented.	Statements or related disclosures.
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NOTE 15—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 14, 2016, SPLNG issued a notice of redemption to redeem all of its outstanding 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes. The redemption date will be November 30, 2016 (the “Redemption Date”) and the price will be equal to 103.250% of the principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date. Concurrently with the redemption of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, SPLNG intends to repay all of its outstanding 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, which mature on the Redemption Date, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

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

Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This quarterly report contains certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements." All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein or incorporated herein by reference are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things:

- statements regarding our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders;
- statements regarding our expected receipt of cash distributions from SPLNG, SPL or CTPL;
- statements that we expect to commence or complete construction of our proposed LNG terminals, liquefaction facilities, pipeline facilities or other projects, or any expansions thereof, by certain dates, or at all;
- statements regarding future levels of domestic and international natural gas production, supply or consumption or future levels of LNG imports into or exports from North America and other countries worldwide or purchases of natural gas, regardless of the source of such information, or the transportation or other infrastructure or demand for and prices related to natural gas, LNG or other hydrocarbon products;
- statements regarding any financing transactions or arrangements, or ability to enter into such transactions;
- statements relating to the construction of our Trains, including statements concerning the engagement of any EPC contractor or other contractor and the anticipated terms and provisions of any agreement with any EPC or other contractor, and anticipated costs related thereto;
 - statements regarding any SPA or other agreement to be entered into or performed substantially in the future, including any revenues anticipated to be received and the anticipated timing thereof, and statements regarding the amounts of total LNG regasification, natural gas liquefaction or storage capacities that are, or may become, subject to contracts;
- statements regarding counterparties to our commercial contracts, construction contracts and other contracts;
- statements regarding our planned development and construction of additional Trains, including the financing of such Trains;
- statements that our Trains, when completed, will have certain characteristics, including amounts of liquefaction capacities;
- statements regarding our business strategy, our strengths, our business and operation plans or any other plans, forecasts, projections, or objectives, including anticipated revenues, capital expenditures, maintenance and operating costs and cash flows, any or all of which are subject to change;
 - statements regarding legislative, governmental, regulatory, administrative or other public body actions, approvals, requirements, permits, applications, filings, investigations, proceedings or decisions; and
- any other statements that relate to non-historical or future information.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "expect," "plan," "project," "intend," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "pursue," "target," "continue," the negative of such other comparable terminology. The forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe that such estimates are reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties beyond our control. In addition, assumptions may prove to be inaccurate. We caution that the forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report are not guarantees of future performance and that such statements may not be realized or the forward-looking statements or events may not occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in forward-looking statements due to factors described in this quarterly report and in the other reports and other information that we file with the SEC. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed under “Risk Factors” in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these risk factors. Other than as required under the securities laws, we assume no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements or provide reasons why actual results may differ.

Introduction

The following discussion and analysis presents management’s view of our business, financial condition and overall performance and should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. This information is intended to provide investors with an understanding of our past performance, current financial condition and outlook for the future. Our discussion and analysis includes the following subjects:

- Overview of Business
- Overview of Significant Events
- Liquidity and Capital Resources
- Results of Operations
- Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements
- Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates
- Recent Accounting Standards

Overview of Business

We are a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership formed by Cheniere. Our vision is to be recognized as the premier global LNG company and provide a reliable, competitive and integrated source of LNG to our customers while creating a safe, productive and rewarding work environment for our employees. Through our wholly owned subsidiary, SPLNG, we own and operate the regasification facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on the Sabine-Neches Waterway less than four miles from the Gulf Coast. The Sabine Pass LNG terminal includes existing infrastructure of five LNG storage tanks with capacity of approximately 16.9 Bcfe, two marine berths that can accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 266,000 cubic meters and vaporizers with regasification capacity of approximately 4.0 Bcf/d. We are developing and constructing natural gas liquefaction facilities (the “Liquefaction Project”) at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal adjacent to the existing regasification facilities through our wholly owned subsidiary, SPL. We plan to construct up to six Trains, which are in various stages of development and construction. Trains 1 and 2 have commenced operating activities, Train 3 is undergoing commissioning, Trains 4 and 5 are under construction and Train 6 is fully permitted. Each Train is expected to have a nominal production capacity of approximately 4.5 mtpa of LNG. We also own a 94-mile pipeline that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines (the “Creole Trail Pipeline”) through our wholly owned subsidiary, CTPL.

Overview of Significant Events

Our significant accomplishments since January 1, 2016 and through the filing date of this Form 10-Q include the following:

SPL commenced production and shipment of LNG commissioning cargoes from Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project in February and August 2016, respectively, and achieved substantial completion and commenced operating activities in May and September 2016, respectively.

In September 2016, SPL initiated the commissioning process for Train 3 of the Liquefaction Project.

In October 2016, the previously announced planned outage to improve performance of the flare systems at the Liquefaction Project, as well as to perform scheduled maintenance to Train 1 and other facilities, was completed on schedule and budget.

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In May 2016, the board of directors of Cheniere Partners GP appointed Jack Fusco as the Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere Partners GP.

In August and September 2016, the board of directors of Cheniere Partners GP accepted the resignations of Meg A. Gentle and R. Keith Teague and Cheniere Partners GP Holding Company, LLC appointed Eric Bensusade and Doug Shanda to the board of directors of Cheniere Partners GP.

In February 2016, we entered into a Credit and Guaranty Agreement for the incurrence of debt of up to an aggregate amount of approximately \$2.8 billion (the “2016 CQP Credit Facilities”). The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities consist of: (1) a \$450.0 million CTPL tranche term loan that was used to prepay the \$400.0 million term loan facility (the “CTPL Term Loan”) in February 2016, (2) an approximately \$2.1 billion SPLNG tranche term loan that will be used to redeem or repay the approximately \$2.1 billion of the 7.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2016 issued by SPLNG (the “2016 SPLNG Senior Notes”) and the 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2020 issued by SPLNG (the “2020 SPLNG Senior Notes”) and collectively with the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, the “SPLNG Senior Notes”) (which must be redeemed or repaid concurrently under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities), (3) a \$125.0 million debt service reserve credit facility (the “DSR Facility”) that may be used to satisfy a six-month debt service reserve requirement and (4) a \$115.0 million revolving credit facility that may be used for general business purposes.

In June and September 2016, SPL issued 5.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2026 (the “2026 SPL Senior Notes”) and 5.00% Senior Secured Notes due 2027 (the “2027 SPL Senior Notes”), respectively, for aggregate principal amounts of \$1.5 billion each. Net proceeds of the offerings of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and 2027 SPL Senior Notes were approximately \$1.3 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, after deducting commissions, fees and expenses and incremental interest required under the respective senior notes during construction. The net proceeds were used to prepay a portion (for the 2026 SPL Senior Notes) or all (for the 2027 SPL Senior Notes) of the outstanding borrowings under the credit facilities we entered into in June 2015 (the “2015 SPL Credit Facilities”). The remaining proceeds from the 2027 SPL Senior Notes are being used to pay a portion of the capital costs in connection with the construction of Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project in lieu of the terminated portion of the commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In October 2016, SPLNG issued a notice of redemption to redeem all of its outstanding 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes. The redemption date will be November 30, 2016 (the “Redemption Date”) and the price will be equal to 103.250% of the principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date. Concurrently with the redemption of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, SPLNG intends to repay all of its outstanding 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, which mature on the Redemption Date, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of September 30, 2016, we had \$12.5 million of cash and cash equivalents and \$582.2 million of current and non-current restricted cash (which included current and non-current restricted cash available to us and our subsidiaries) designated for the following purposes: \$127.5 million for the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities, \$325.6 million for the Liquefaction Project and \$129.1 million for interest payments related to the SPLNG Senior Notes.

Sabine Pass LNG Terminal

Regasification Facilities

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal has operational regasification capacity of approximately 4.0 Bcf/d and aggregate LNG storage capacity of approximately 16.9 Bcfe. Approximately 2.0 Bcf/d of the regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal has been reserved under two long-term third-party TUAs, under which SPLNG’s customers are required to pay fixed monthly fees, whether or not they use the LNG terminal. Each of Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. (“Total”) and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (“Chevron”) has reserved approximately 1.0 Bcf/d of regasification capacity and is

obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$125 million annually for 20 years that commenced in 2009. Total S.A. has guaranteed Total's obligations under its TUA up to \$2.5 billion, subject to certain exceptions, and Chevron Corporation has guaranteed Chevron's obligations under its TUA up to 80% of the fees payable by Chevron.

The remaining approximately 2.0 Bcf/d of capacity has been reserved under a TUA by SPL. SPL is obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$250 million annually, continuing until at least 20 years after

SPL delivers its first commercial cargo at the Liquefaction Project. SPL entered into a partial TUA assignment agreement with Total, whereby SPL will progressively gain access to Total's capacity and other services provided under Total's TUA with SPLNG. This agreement will provide SPL with additional berthing and storage capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal that may be used to accommodate the development of Trains 5 and 6, provide increased flexibility in managing LNG cargo loading and unloading activity starting with the commencement of commercial operations of Train 3 and permit SPL to more flexibly manage its LNG storage capacity with the commencement of Train 1. Notwithstanding any arrangements between Total and SPL, payments required to be made by Total to SPLNG will continue to be made by Total to SPLNG in accordance with its TUA.

Under each of these TUAs, SPLNG is entitled to retain 2% of the LNG delivered to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Liquefaction Facilities

The Liquefaction Project is being developed and constructed at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal adjacent to the existing regasification facilities. We have received authorization from the FERC to site, construct and operate Trains 1 through 6. We commenced construction of Trains 1 and 2 and the related new facilities needed to treat, liquefy, store and export natural gas in August 2012. In May 2016 and September 2016, Trains 1 and 2 achieved substantial completion, respectively. Construction of Trains 3 and 4 and the related facilities commenced in May 2013. In June 2015, we commenced construction of Train 5 and the related facilities. In October 2016, the previously announced planned outage to improve performance of the flare systems at the Liquefaction Project, as well as to perform scheduled maintenance to Train 1 and other facilities, was completed on schedule and budget.

The DOE has authorized the export of domestically produced LNG by vessel from Trains 1 through 4 of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries for a 30-year term, which commenced on May 15, 2016, and to non-FTA countries for a 20-year term, which commenced on June 3, 2016, in an amount up to a combined total of the equivalent of 16 mtpa (approximately 803 Bcf/yr of natural gas). The DOE further issued orders authorizing SPL to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from Trains 1 through 4 of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries for a 25-year term and non-FTA countries for a 20-year term, in an amount up to a combined total of the equivalent of approximately 203 Bcf/yr of natural gas. Additionally, the DOE issued orders authorizing us to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from Trains 5 and 6 of the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries and non-FTA countries for a 20-year term, in an amount up to a combined total of 503.3 Bcf/yr of natural gas (approximately 10 mtpa). A party to the proceedings requested rehearings of the orders above related to the export of 803 Bcf/yr, 203 Bcf/yr and 503.3 Bcf/yr to non-FTA countries. The DOE issued orders denying rehearing of the orders related to 803 Bcf/yr and 503.3 Bcf/yr but has not yet issued a final ruling on the rehearing request related to the 203 Bcf/yr. In July 2016, the same party petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review the DOE order related to the export of 503.3 Bcf/yr to non-FTA countries and the order denying the request for rehearing of the same. The appeal is pending. In each case, the terms of these authorizations begin on the earlier of the date of first export thereunder or the date specified in the particular order, which ranges from five to 10 years from the date the order was issued. In addition, we have a 3-year makeup period with respect to each of the non-FTA orders for LNG volumes we were unable to export during the initial 20-year export period of such order. Furthermore, in January 2016, the DOE issued an order authorizing us to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries and non-FTA countries over a two-year period commencing on January 15, 2016, in an aggregate amount up to the equivalent of 600 Bcf of natural gas (however, exports to non-FTA countries under this order, when combined with exports to non-FTA countries under the orders related to Trains 1 through 4 above, may not exceed 1,006 Bcf/yr).

As of September 30, 2016, Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project had achieved substantial completion. As of September 30, 2016, the overall project completion percentage for Trains 3 and 4 of the Liquefaction Project was approximately 91.8%. As of September 30, 2016, the overall project completion percentage for Train 5 of the Liquefaction Project was approximately 42.8% with engineering, procurement, subcontract work and construction

approximately 90.8%, 62.0%, 41.9% and 4.6% complete, respectively. As of September 30, 2016, the overall project completion of each of our Trains was ahead of the contractual schedule. We produced our first LNG from Train 1 of the Liquefaction Project in February 2016 and achieved substantial completion in May 2016. We produced our first LNG from Train 2 of the Liquefaction Project in August 2016 and achieved substantial completion in September 2016. Based on our current construction schedule, Trains 3 and 4 are expected to achieve substantial completion in 2017 and Train 5 is expected to achieve substantial completion in 2019.

Customers

SPL has entered into six fixed price, 20-year SPAs with third parties to make available an aggregate amount of LNG that equates to approximately 19.75 mtpa of LNG, which is approximately 88% of the expected aggregate nominal production capacity of Trains 1 through 5. The obligation to make LNG available under the SPAs commences from the date of first commercial delivery for Trains 1 through 5, as specified in each SPA. Under these SPAs, the customers will purchase LNG from SPL for a price consisting of a fixed fee (a portion of which is subject to annual adjustment for inflation) per MMBtu of LNG plus a variable fee equal to 115% of Henry Hub per MMBtu of LNG. In certain circumstances, the customers may elect to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, in which case the customers would still be required to pay the fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes that are not delivered as a result of such cancellation or suspension. The SPAs and contracted volumes to be made available under the SPAs are not tied to a specific Train; however, the term of each SPA commences upon the start of operations of a specified Train.

In aggregate, the fixed fee portion to be paid by the third-party SPA customers is approximately \$2.9 billion annually for Trains 1 through 5, with the applicable fixed fees starting from the date of first commercial delivery from the applicable Train. These fixed fees equal approximately \$411 million, \$564 million, \$650 million, \$648 million and \$588 million for each of Trains 1 through 5, respectively.

In addition, Cheniere Marketing has entered into an SPA with SPL to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers.

Natural Gas Transportation, Storage and Supply

To ensure SPL is able to transport adequate natural gas feedstock to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, it has entered into transportation precedent and other agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation capacity with CTPL and third-party pipeline companies. SPL has entered into firm storage services agreements with third parties to assist in managing volatility in natural gas needs for the Liquefaction Project. SPL has also entered into enabling agreements and long-term natural gas supply contracts with third parties in order to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project. As of September 30, 2016, SPL has secured up to approximately 1,982.0 million MMBtu of natural gas feedstock through long-term natural gas supply contracts.

Construction

SPL entered into lump sum turnkey contracts with Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. ("Bechtel") for the engineering, procurement and construction of Trains 1 through 5, under which Bechtel charges a lump sum for all work performed and generally bears project cost risk unless certain specified events occur, in which case Bechtel may cause SPL to enter into a change order, or SPL agrees with Bechtel to a change order.

The total contract prices of the EPC contract for Trains 1 and 2, the EPC contract for Trains 3 and 4 and the EPC Contract for Train 5 of the Liquefaction Project are approximately \$4.1 billion, \$3.9 billion and \$3.0 billion, respectively, reflecting amounts incurred under change orders through September 30, 2016. Total expected capital costs for Trains 1 through 5 are estimated to be between \$12.5 billion and \$13.5 billion before financing costs and between \$17.0 billion and \$18.0 billion after financing costs, including, in each case, estimated owner's costs and contingencies.

Final Investment Decision on Train 6

We will contemplate making a final investment decision to commence construction of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project based upon, among other things, entering into an EPC contract, entering into acceptable commercial

arrangements and obtaining adequate financing to construct the Train.

Capital Resources

We currently expect that SPL's capital resources requirements with respect to Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project will be financed through one or more of the following: borrowings, equity contributions from us and cash flows under the SPAs. We believe that with the net proceeds of borrowings, available commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, available commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility (as defined below) and cash flows from operations, we will have adequate financial resources available to complete Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project and to meet our currently anticipated

capital, operating and debt service requirements. SPL began generating cash flows from operations from the Liquefaction Project in May 2016, when Train 1 achieved substantial completion and initiated operating activities. Additionally, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we realized offsets to LNG terminal costs of \$58.7 million and \$201.0 million, respectively, that were related to the sale of commissioning cargoes because these amounts were earned prior to the start of commercial operations, during the testing phase for the construction of Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project.

Senior Secured Notes

As of September 30, 2016, our subsidiaries had nine series of senior secured notes outstanding:

\$1.7 billion of 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes;

\$0.4 billion of 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes;

\$2.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 issued by SPL (the “2021 SPL Senior Notes”);

\$1.0 billion of 6.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 issued by SPL (the “2022 SPL Senior Notes”);

\$1.5 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 issued by SPL (the “2023 SPL Senior Notes”);

\$2.0 billion of 5.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 issued by SPL (the “2024 SPL Senior Notes”);

\$2.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the “2025 SPL Senior Notes” and collectively with the 2021 SPL Senior Notes, the 2022 SPL Senior Notes, the 2023 SPL Senior Notes, the 2024 SPL Senior Notes, the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and the 2027 SPL Senior Notes, the “SPL Senior Notes”);

\$1.5 billion of 2026 SPL Senior Notes; and

\$1.5 billion of 2027 SPL Senior Notes.

Interest on the SPL Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears. Subject to permitted liens, the SPLNG Senior Notes are secured on a pari passu first-priority basis by a security interest in all of SPLNG’s equity interests and substantially all of SPLNG’s operating assets. The SPL Senior Notes are secured on a first-priority basis by a security interest in all of the membership interests in SPL and substantially all of SPL’s assets.

SPLNG may redeem all or part of its 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal plus any accrued and unpaid interest plus the greater of:

• 1.0% of the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes; or

the excess of: (1) the present value at such redemption date of (a) the redemption price of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes plus (b) all required interest payments due on the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the treasury rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points; over (2) the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, if greater.

SPLNG may redeem all or part of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes at any time on or after November 1, 2016 at fixed redemption prices specified in the indenture governing the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

At any time prior to three months before the respective dates of maturity for each series of the SPL Senior Notes, SPL may redeem all or part of such series of the SPL Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to the “make-whole” price set forth in the common indenture governing the SPL Senior Notes (the “SPL Indenture”), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. SPL may also, at any time within three months of the respective maturity dates for each series of the SPL Senior Notes, redeem all or part of such series of the SPL Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such series of the SPL Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

On October 14, 2016, SPLNG issued a notice of redemption to redeem all of its outstanding 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes. The redemption date will be November 30, 2016 (the “Redemption Date”) and the price will be equal to 103.250% of the principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date. Concurrently with the redemption of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, SPLNG intends to repay all of its outstanding 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, which mature on the Redemption Date, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, on the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes to, but not including, the Redemption Date. The redemption of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes and the repayment of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes will be funded with borrowings under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities we entered into in February 2016, as further described below.

Under the indentures governing the SPLNG Senior Notes (the “SPLNG Indentures”), except for permitted tax distributions, SPLNG may not make distributions until, among other requirements, deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts and a fixed charge coverage ratio test of 2:1 is satisfied. Under the SPL Indenture, SPL may not make any distributions until, among other requirements, deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts as required and a debt service coverage ratio test of 1.25:1.00 is satisfied. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, SPLNG made distributions of \$230.4 million and \$267.9 million, respectively, after satisfying all the applicable conditions in the SPLNG Indentures.

The SPL Indenture includes restrictive covenants. SPL may incur additional indebtedness in the future, including by issuing additional notes, and such indebtedness could be at higher interest rates and have different maturity dates and more restrictive covenants than the current outstanding indebtedness of SPL, including the SPL Senior Notes, the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities and the SPL Working Capital Facility.

2015 SPL Credit Facilities

In June 2015, SPL entered into the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities with commitments aggregating \$4.6 billion. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are being used to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project. Borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities may be refinanced, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty; however, interest rate hedging and interest rate breakage costs may be incurred. During 2016, in conjunction with the issuance of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and the 2027 SPL Senior Notes, SPL prepaid outstanding borrowings and terminated commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities for approximately \$2.6 billion. These prepayments and termination of commitments resulted in a write-off of debt issuance costs associated with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities of \$25.8 million and \$51.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2016, SPL had \$2.0 billion of available commitments and no outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

Loans under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to, at SPL’s election, LIBOR or the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans ranges from 1.30% to 1.75%, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility, and the applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.75%. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each LIBOR period and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each quarter. In addition, SPL is required to pay insurance/guarantee premiums of 0.45% per annum on any drawn amounts under the covered tranches of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities also require SPL to pay a quarterly commitment fee calculated at a rate per annum equal to either: (1) 40% of the applicable margin, multiplied by the average daily amount of the undrawn commitment, or (2) 0.70% of the undrawn commitment, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility. The principal of the loans made under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities must be repaid in quarterly installments, commencing with the earlier of June 30, 2020 and the last day of the first full calendar quarter after the completion date of Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project. Scheduled repayments are based upon an 18-year amortization profile, with the remaining balance due upon the maturity of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities contain conditions precedent for borrowings, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of SPL under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and SPL Working Capital Facility.

Under the terms of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, SPL is required to hedge not less than 65% of the variable interest rate exposure of its projected outstanding borrowings, calculated on a weighted average basis in comparison to its anticipated draw of principal. Additionally, SPL may not make any distributions until certain conditions have been met, including that deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts and a debt service coverage ratio test of 1.25:1.00 is satisfied.

2013 SPL Credit Facilities

In May 2013, SPL entered into four credit facilities aggregating \$5.9 billion (collectively, the “2013 SPL Credit Facilities”) to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 4 of the Liquefaction Project. In June 2015, the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities were replaced with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In March 2015, in conjunction with SPL’s issuance of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, SPL terminated approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. This termination and the replacement of the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2015 resulted in a write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred commitment fees associated with the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities of \$96.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

CTPL Term Loan

In May 2013, CTPL entered into the CTPL Term Loan, which was used to fund modifications to the Creole Trail Pipeline and for general business purposes. In February 2016, CTPL prepaid the full amount of \$400.0 million outstanding under the CTPL Term Loan with capital contributions from us, which we funded with borrowings under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities. This prepayment resulted in a write-off of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

2016 CQP Credit Facilities

In February 2016, we entered into the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities. The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities consist of: (1) a \$450.0 million CTPL tranche term loan that was used to prepay the \$400.0 million CTPL Term Loan in February 2016, (2) an approximately \$2.1 billion SPLNG tranche term loan that will be used to redeem or repay the approximately \$2.1 billion of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes and the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes (which must be redeemed or repaid concurrently under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities), (3) the \$125.0 million DSR Facility that may be used to satisfy a six-month debt service reserve requirement and (4) a \$115.0 million revolving credit facility that may be used for general business purposes. As of September 30, 2016, we had \$2.3 billion of available commitments, \$7.5 million aggregate amount of issued letters of credit and \$450.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities.

The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to LIBOR or the base rate (equal to the highest of the prime rate, the federal funds effective rate, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 0.50% and adjusted one month LIBOR plus 1.0%), plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans is 2.25% per annum, and the applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.25% per annum, in each case with a 0.50% step-up beginning on February 25, 2019. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable LIBOR period (and at the end of every three month period within the LIBOR period, if any), and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each calendar quarter.

We incurred \$48.7 million of debt issuance costs during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and will incur an additional \$21.5 million of debt issuance costs when the SPLNG tranche is funded. We pay a commitment fee equal to an annual rate of 40% of the margin for LIBOR loans multiplied by the average daily amount of the undrawn commitment, payable quarterly in arrears. The DSR Facility and the revolving credit facility are both available for the issuance of letters of credit, which incur a fee equal to an annual rate of 2.25% of the undrawn portion with a 0.50% step-up beginning on February 25, 2019.

The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities mature on February 25, 2020, and the outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty, except for interest hedging and interest rate breakage costs. The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities contain conditions precedent for extensions of credit, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants and limit our ability to make restricted payments, including distributions, to once per fiscal quarter

as long as certain conditions are satisfied. Under the terms of the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities, we are required to hedge not less than 50% of the variable interest rate exposure on its projected aggregate outstanding balance, maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.15x at the end of each fiscal quarter beginning March 31, 2019 and have a projected debt service coverage ratio of 1.55x in order to incur additional indebtedness to refinance a portion of the existing obligations.

The 2016 CQP Credit Facilities are unconditionally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than: (1) SPL, (2) SPLNG until funding of its tranche term loan and (3) certain of our subsidiaries owning other development projects, as well as certain other specified subsidiaries and members of the foregoing entities.

SPL Working Capital Facility

In September 2015, SPL entered into a \$1.2 billion Amended and Restated Senior Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement (the “SPL Working Capital Facility”), which replaced the \$325.0 million Senior Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement that was entered into in April 2014. The SPL Working Capital Facility is intended to be used for loans to SPL (“Working Capital Loans”), the issuance of letters of credit, as well as for swing line loans to SPL (“Swing Line Loans”), primarily for certain working capital requirements related to developing and placing into operation the Liquefaction Project. SPL may, from time to time, request increases in the commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility of up to \$760 million and, upon the completion of the debt financing of Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, request an incremental increase in commitments of up to an additional \$390 million. As of September 30, 2016, SPL had \$764.5 million of available commitments, \$337.0 million aggregate amount of issued letters of credit and \$98.5 million loans outstanding under the SPL Working Capital Facility. As of December 31, 2015, SPL had \$1.1 billion of available commitments, \$135.2 million aggregate amount of issued letters of credit and \$15.0 million of loans outstanding under the SPL Working Capital Facility.

The SPL Working Capital Facility accrues interest at a variable rate per annum equal to LIBOR or the base rate (equal to the highest of the senior facility agent’s published prime rate, the federal funds effective rate, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 0.50% and one month LIBOR plus 0.50%), plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans under the SPL Working Capital Facility is 1.75% per annum, and the applicable margin for base rate loans under the SPL Working Capital Facility is 0.75% per annum. Interest on Swing Line Loans and loans deemed made in connection with a draw upon a letter of credit (“LC Loans”) is due and payable on the date the loan becomes due. Interest on LIBOR Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable LIBOR period, and interest on base rate Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each fiscal quarter. However, if such base rate Working Capital Loan is converted into a LIBOR Working Capital Loan, interest is due and payable on that date. Additionally, if the loans become due prior to such periods, the interest also becomes due on that date.

SPL pays (1) a commitment fee equal to an annual rate of 0.70% on the average daily amount of the excess of the total commitment amount over the principal amount outstanding without giving effect to any outstanding Swing Line Loans and (2) a letter of credit fee equal to an annual rate of 1.75% of the undrawn portion of all letters of credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility. If draws are made upon a letter of credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility and SPL does not elect for such draw (an “LC Draw”) to be deemed an LC Loan, SPL is required to pay the full amount of the LC Draw on or prior to the business day following the notice of the LC Draw. An LC Draw accrues interest at an annual rate of 2.0% plus the base rate. As of September 30, 2016, no LC Draws had been made upon any letters of credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility.

The SPL Working Capital Facility matures on December 31, 2020, and the outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty upon three business days’ notice. LC Loans have a term of up to one year. Swing Line Loans terminate upon the earliest of (1) the maturity date or earlier termination of the SPL Working Capital Facility, (2) the date 15 days after such Swing Line Loan is made and (3) the first borrowing date for a Working Capital Loan or Swing Line Loan occurring at least three business days following the date the Swing Line Loan is made. SPL is required to reduce the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Working Capital Loans to zero for a period of five consecutive business days at least once each year.

The SPL Working Capital Facility contains conditions precedent for extensions of credit, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of SPL under the SPL Working Capital Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

Sources and Uses of Cash

The following table (in thousands) summarizes the sources and uses of our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The table presents capital expenditures on a cash basis; therefore, these amounts differ from the amounts of capital expenditures, including accruals, which are referred to elsewhere in this report. Additional discussion of these items follows the table.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Operating cash flows		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$12,855	\$(947)
Changes in restricted cash for certain operating activities	(54,551)	(167,083)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash used in operating activities	(41,696)	(168,030)
Investing cash flows		
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,025)	(3,189)
Use of restricted cash for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(1,914,532)	(2,178,481)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash used in investing activities	(1,922,557)	(2,181,670)
Financing cash flows		
Net cash used in financing activities	(138,582)	(74,261)
Investment in restricted cash	2,263,075	2,072,999
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash provided by financing activities	2,124,493	1,998,738
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	160,240	(350,962)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash—beginning of period	434,428	988,997
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash—end of period	\$594,668	\$638,035

Operating Cash Flows

Operating cash flows during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$41.7 million and \$168.0 million, respectively. The decrease in operating cash outflows in 2016 compared to 2015 primarily related to increased cash receipts from the sale of LNG cargoes, partially offset by increased operating costs and expenses as a result of the commencement of operations of Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project in May and September 2016, respectively.

Investing Cash Flows

Investing cash flows during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$1.9 billion and \$2.2 billion, respectively, and were primarily used to fund the construction costs for Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project. These costs are capitalized as construction-in-process until achievement of substantial completion. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, we used \$38.3 million and \$50.7 million, respectively, primarily to pay a municipal water district for water system enhancements that will increase potable water supply to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and payments made pursuant to the information technology services agreement for capital assets purchased on our behalf.

Financing Cash Flows

Financing cash flows during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$2.1 billion, primarily as a result of:

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\$450.0 million of borrowings under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities, which was entered into in February 2016 to prepay the \$400.0 million CTPL Term Loan;
\$1.7 billion of borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities;
issuance of an aggregate principal amount of \$1.5 billion of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes in June 2016, which was used to prepay \$1.3 billion of the outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities;
issuance of an aggregate principal amount of \$1.5 billion of the 2027 SPL Senior Notes in September 2016, which was used to prepay \$1.2 billion of the outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities and pay a portion of the capital costs in connection with the construction of Trains 1 through 5 of the Liquefaction Project;

\$313.5 million of borrowings and a \$230.0 million repayment made under the SPL Working Capital Facility; \$89.4 million of debt issuance costs related to up-front fees paid upon the closing of these transactions; and \$74.3 million of distributions to unitholders.

Financing cash flows during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$2.0 billion, primarily as a result of: issuance of an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes in March 2015; entering into the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2015 and borrowing \$250.0 million under this facility during the nine months ended September 30, 2015; \$177.0 million of debt issuance and deferred financing costs related to up-front fees paid upon the closing of these transactions; and \$74.3 million of distributions to unitholders.

Cash Distributions to Unitholders

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus. The following provides a summary of distributions paid by us during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

Date Paid	Period Covered by Distribution	Total Distribution (in thousands)					
		Distribution Per Common Unit	Distribution Per Subordinated Unit	Common Units	Class B Units	Subordinated Units	General Partner Units
August 12, 2016	April 1 - June 30, 2016	\$ 0.425	\$	—\$24,261	\$	—\$	—\$ 495
May 13, 2016	January 1 - March 31, 2016	0.425	—	24,261	—	—	495
February 12, 2016	October 1 - December 31, 2015	0.425	—	24,261	—	—	495
August 14, 2015	April 1 - June 30, 2015	\$ 0.425	\$	—\$24,259	\$	—\$	—\$ 495
May 15, 2015	January 1 - March 31, 2015	0.425	—	24,259	—	—	495
February 13, 2015	October 1 - December 31, 2014	0.425	—	24,259	—	—	495

On October 21, 2016, we declared a \$0.425 distribution per common unit and the related distribution to our general partner will be paid on November 11, 2016 to owners of record as of November 1, 2016 for the period from July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

The subordinated units will receive distributions only to the extent we have available cash above the initial quarterly distributions requirement for our common unitholders and general partner along with certain reserves. Such available cash could be generated through new business development or fees received from Cheniere Marketing under an amended and restated variable capacity rights agreement pursuant to which Cheniere Marketing is obligated to pay Cheniere Investments 80% of the expected gross margin of each cargo of LNG that Cheniere Marketing arranges for delivery to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal. The ending of the subordination period and conversion of the subordinated units into common units will depend upon future business development.

In 2012 and 2013, we issued a new class of equity interests representing limited partner interests in us (“Class B units”), in connection with the development of the Liquefaction Project. The Class B units are not entitled to cash distributions, except in the event of our liquidation or a merger, consolidation or other combination of us with another person or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. The Class B units are subject to conversion, mandatorily or at the option of the holders of the Class B units under specified circumstances, into a number of common units based on the then-applicable conversion value of the Class B units. On a quarterly basis beginning on the initial purchase date

of the Class B units, the conversion value of the Class B units increases at a compounded rate of 3.5% per quarter, subject to an additional upward adjustment for certain equity and debt financings. The accreted conversion ratio of the Class B units owned by Cheniere and Blackstone CQP Holdco was 1.80 and 1.77, respectively, as of September 30, 2016. We expect the Class B units to mandatorily convert into common units within 90 days of the substantial completion date of Train 3 of the Liquefaction Project, which we currently expect to occur before June 30, 2017. If the Class B units are not mandatorily converted by July 2019, the holders of the Class B units have the option to convert the Class B units into

common units at that time. The holders of Class B units have a preference over the holders of the subordinated units in the event of our liquidation or a merger, consolidation or other combination of us with another person or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

Results of Operations

Our consolidated net loss was \$81.5 million, or \$0.27 per share (basic and diluted), in the three months ended September 30, 2016, compared to a net loss of \$24.1 million, or \$0.18 per share (basic and diluted), in the three months ended September 30, 2015. This \$57.4 million increase in net loss in 2016 was primarily a result of increased interest expense, net of amounts capitalized, and increased loss on early extinguishment of debt, which were partially offset by decreased derivative loss, net and increased income from operations.

Our consolidated net loss was \$256.5 million, or \$0.56 per share (basic and diluted), in the nine months ended September 30, 2016, compared to a net loss of \$262.9 million, or \$0.44 per share (basic and diluted), in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This \$6.3 million decrease in net loss in 2016 was primarily a result of decreased loss on early extinguishment of debt, increased income from operations and decreased derivative loss, net, which were partially offset by increased interest expense, net of amounts capitalized.

Revenues

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Regasification revenues	\$66,262	\$66,596	\$(334)	\$196,768	\$199,804	\$(3,036)
Regasification revenues—affiliate	76	941	(225)	3,068	2,952	116
LNG revenues	248,195	—	248,195	333,555	—	333,555
LNG revenues—affiliate	16,236	—	16,236	16,236	—	16,236
Total revenues	\$331,409	\$67,537	\$263,872	\$549,627	\$202,756	\$346,871

We began recognizing LNG revenues from the Liquefaction Project following the substantial completion of Trains 1 and 2 in May and September 2016, respectively. Prior to these dates, amounts received from the sale of commissioning cargoes from the respective Trains were offset against LNG terminal construction-in-process because these amounts were earned during the testing phase for the construction of those Trains of the Liquefaction Project. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we loaded a total of 60.3 million MMBtu and 113.8 million MMBtu of LNG, respectively, of which 50.8 million MMBtu and 69.0 million MMBtu, respectively, resulted in the recognition of revenues related to this volume. The remaining 9.5 million MMBtu and 44.8 million MMBtu of LNG loaded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, were recognized as offsets to LNG terminal costs as they related to the sale of commissioning cargoes.

Operating costs and expenses

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Cost (cost recovery) of sales	\$158,663	\$(31,774)	\$190,437	\$211,861	\$(30,990)	\$242,851
Cost of sales—affiliate	1,430	—	1,430	1,430	—	1,430
Operating and maintenance expense	37,613	8,992	28,621	79,556	48,830	30,726
Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate	3,756	8,081	5,675	35,901	20,355	15,546
Development expense	1	113	(112)	137	2,631	(2,494)
Development expense—affiliate	87	152	(65)	369	562	(193)
General and administrative expense	2,978	3,673	(695)	9,378	11,269	(1,891)
General and administrative expense—affiliate	24,454	25,692	(1,238)	67,865	80,761	(12,896)

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Depreciation and amortization expense	44,529	16,687	27,842	92,101	47,557	44,544
Total operating costs and expenses	\$283,511	\$31,616	\$251,895	\$498,598	\$180,975	\$317,623

Our total operating costs and expenses increased \$251.9 million and \$317.6 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, primarily as a result of the commencement of operations of Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project in May and September 2016, respectively, compared to a significant cost recovery recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. This cost recovery was due

to a \$32.2 million increase in fair value for our natural gas supply contracts recorded for the period, which we recognized following the completion and placement into service of certain modifications to the underlying pipeline infrastructure and the resulting development of a market for physical gas delivery at locations specified in a portion of our natural gas supply contracts. Cost of sales includes costs incurred directly for the production and delivery of LNG from the Liquefaction Project such as natural gas feedstock, variable transportation and storage costs, derivative gains and losses associated with economic hedges to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project, and other related costs to convert natural gas into LNG, all to the extent not utilized for the commissioning process. Operating and maintenance expense includes costs associated with operating and maintaining the Liquefaction Project such as third-party service and maintenance contract costs, payroll and benefit costs of operations personnel, natural gas transportation and storage capacity demand charges, derivative gains and losses related to the sale and purchase of LNG associated with the regasification terminal, insurance and regulatory costs. Depreciation and amortization expense increased during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as we began depreciation of our assets related to Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project upon reaching substantial completion.

Offsetting the increases described above was a decrease in general and administrative expense—affiliate, which was partially due to a decrease in the amount payable under our service agreements with affiliates and partially due to a reallocation of resources from general and administrative activities to operating and maintenance activities following commencement of operations at the Liquefaction Project.

Other expense (income)

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	\$ 113,227	\$ 49,360	\$ 63,867	\$ 228,678	\$ 142,353	\$ 86,325
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	25,765	—	25,765	53,526	96,273	(42,747)
Derivative loss (gain), net	(9,183)	10,872	(20,055)	26,417	46,541	(20,124)
Other income	(402)	(179)	(223)	(1,052)	(535)	(517)
Total other expense	\$ 129,407	\$ 60,053	\$ 69,354	\$ 307,569	\$ 284,632	\$ 22,937

Interest expense, net of capitalized interest, increased \$63.9 million and \$86.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, due to an increase in our indebtedness outstanding (before premium, discount and unamortized debt issuance costs), from \$11.2 billion as of September 30, 2015 to \$14.1 billion as of September 30, 2016, and the decrease in the portion of total interest costs that could be capitalized as Trains 1 and 2 of the Liquefaction Project are no longer in construction. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we incurred \$220.2 million and \$618.6 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized \$106.9 million and \$389.9 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we incurred \$185.2 million and \$520.1 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized \$135.8 million and \$377.7 million, respectively.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt increased by \$25.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2016, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2015, whereas it decreased \$42.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Loss on early extinguishment of debt during the three months ended September 30, 2016 was attributable to a \$25.8 million write-off of debt issuance costs related to the prepayment of outstanding borrowings and termination of commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities of approximately \$1.4 billion in September 2016 in connection with the issuance of the 2027 SPL Senior Notes. Loss on early extinguishment of debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 further included a \$26.0 million write-off of debt issuance costs related to the prepayment of approximately \$1.3 billion of outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2016 in connection with the issuance of the 2026 SPL Senior Notes and a \$1.5 million write-off of debt issuance costs and unamortized discount in connection with the prepayment of the CTPL Term Loan in February 2016. Loss on early extinguishment of debt during the nine months ended

September 30, 2015 was attributable to the \$7.3 million write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred commitment fees related to the termination and replacement of the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2015 and a \$89.0 million write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred commitment fees related to the termination of approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities in March 2015.

Derivative loss (gain), net decreased \$20.1 million from a loss of \$10.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 to a gain of \$9.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to a relative increase in the forward LIBOR curve in the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2015. Derivative loss, net decreased by \$20.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to the \$34.7 million loss recognized in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 upon the termination of interest rate swaps associated with the 2013 Credit Facilities in March 2015, which was offset by a loss recognized in the nine

months ended September 30, 2016 due to the increase in the notional amount of interest rate swaps related to the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities entered into in February 2016.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2016, we had no transactions that met the definition of off-balance sheet arrangements that may have a current or future material effect on our consolidated financial position or operating results.

Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting estimates from those disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Recent Accounting Standards

For descriptions of recently issued accounting standards, see Note 14—Recent Accounting Standards of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Cash Investments

We have cash investments that we manage based on internal investment guidelines that emphasize liquidity and preservation of capital. Such cash investments are stated at historical cost, which approximates fair market value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Marketing and Trading Commodity Price Risk

We have entered into commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project (“Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to changes in underlying commodity prices, management modeled a 10% change in the basis price for natural gas for each delivery location. As of September 30, 2016, we estimated the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to be \$12.1 million. Based on actual derivative contractual volumes, a 10% increase or decrease in the underlying basis prices would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives of \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$0.9 million as of December 31, 2015. See Note 7—Derivative Instruments for additional details about our derivative instruments.

Interest Rate Risk

SPL has entered into interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities (“SPL Interest Rate Derivatives”). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives to changes in interest rates, management modeled a 10% change in the forward 1-month LIBOR curve across the remaining term of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives. As of September 30, 2016, we estimated the fair value of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives to be a liability of \$15.9 million. This 10% change in interest rates would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives of \$1.6 million as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$3.1 million as of December 31, 2015. The decrease in the effect of change in interest rates was due to a decrease in the forward 1-month LIBOR curve during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

We have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2016 CQP Credit Facilities (“CQP Interest Rate Derivatives”). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the CQP Interest Rate Derivatives to changes in interest rates, management modeled a 10% change in the forward 1-month LIBOR curve across the remaining term of the CQP Interest Rate Derivatives. As of September 30, 2016, we estimated the fair value of the CQP Interest Rate Derivatives to be a liability of \$12.2 million. This 10% change in interest rates would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the CQP Interest Rate Derivatives of \$3.9 million as of September 30, 2016.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain a set of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports filed by us under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. As of the end of the period covered by this report, we evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our general partner's management, including our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, our general partner's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

During the most recent fiscal quarter, there have been 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.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We may in the future be involved as a party to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. We regularly analyze current information and, as necessary, provide accruals for probable liabilities on the eventual disposition of these matters.

Please see Part II, Item 1, "Legal Proceedings - LDEQ Matter" in the Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Compliance Disclosure

Pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Exchange Act, if during the quarter ended September 30, 2016, we or any of our affiliates had engaged in certain transactions with Iran or with persons or entities designated under certain executive orders, we would be required to disclose information regarding such transactions in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q as required under Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012. During the quarter ended September 30, 2016, we did not engage in any transactions with Iran or with persons or entities related to Iran.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2016, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on September 23, 2016)
4.2	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23 2016, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on September 23, 2016)
10.1	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Liquefaction Facility, dated as of November 11, 2011, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00048 N2 Supply for High Pressure Tightness Test During Commissioning and Startup, dated July 12, 2016, (ii) the Change Order CO-00050 Train 2 N2 Dryout, dated July 29, 2016, (iii) the Change Order CO-00051 Six-Day Work Week for Insulation Scope — Subproject 2, dated August 9, 2016, and (iv) the Change Order CO-00052 Process Flares Modification Provisional Sum, dated September 1, 2016 (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the SEC pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to SPL's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 333-192373), filed on November 2, 2016)
10.2	Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 2 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of December 20, 2012, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00024 Additional Support for FERC Document Requests, dated June 20, 2016, (ii) the Change Order CO-00025 N2 Supply for High Pressure Tightness Test During Commissioning and Startup, dated July 12, 2016, (iii) the Change Order CO-00027 Addition of Check Valves to Condensate Lines, dated July 29, 2016, (iv) the Change Order CO-00028 Additional Professional Services Support Hours for the Flare System Evaluation, dated August 3, 2016, and (v) the Change Order CO-00029 Lump Sum Process Flares Modification, dated September 1, 2016 (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the SEC pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to SPL's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 333-192373), filed on November 2, 2016)
10.3	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 3 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of May 4, 2015, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: the Change Order CO-00011 Site Drainage Design Change: Professional Service Hours, dated July 26, 2016 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to SPL's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 333-192373), filed on November 2, 2016)
10.4	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 23, 2016, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on September 23, 2016)
31.1*	Certification by Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act
31.2*	Certification by Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act
32.1**	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2**	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

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101.DEF* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Filed herewith.

**Furnished herewith.

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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.

CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.
By: Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC,
its general partner

Date: November 2, 2016 By: /s/ Michael J. Wortley
Michael J. Wortley
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(on behalf of the registrant and
as principal financial officer)

Date: November 2, 2016 By: /s/ Leonard Travis
Leonard Travis
Chief Accounting Officer
(on behalf of the registrant and
as principal accounting officer)