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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, 2014

Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File No. 001-35343

Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

45-6355635

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

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

The Bank of New York Mellon
Trust Company, N.A., Trustee
Global Corporate Trust

919 Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas

78701

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(855) 802-1093

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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.

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 November 5, 2014, 35,062,500 Common Units and 11,687,500 Subordinated Units representing beneficial interests in Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust were outstanding.

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All references to "we," "us," "our," or the "Trust" refer to Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust. The royalty interests conveyed on November 16, 2011 by Chesapeake from its interests in certain properties in the Colony Granite Wash formation in Oklahoma and held by the Trust are referred to as the "Royalty Interests." References to "Chesapeake" refer to Chesapeake Energy Corporation and, where the context requires, its subsidiaries.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (“Quarterly Report”) includes “forward-looking statements” about the Trust and Chesapeake and other matters discussed herein that are subject to risks and uncertainties that are intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this document, including, without limitation, statements under “Trustee’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Item 2 of Part I and elsewhere herein regarding the proved oil, NGL and natural gas reserves associated with the properties underlying the Royalty Interests, the Trust’s or Chesapeake’s future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives for future operations, information regarding target distributions, statements pertaining to future development activities and costs, statements regarding the number of development wells to be completed in future periods and information regarding production and reserve growth, are forward-looking statements. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those projected. Our forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as “estimate,” “project,” “predict,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “potential,” “could,” “may,” “foresee,” “plan,” “goal,” “assume,” “target,” “should,” “intend” to convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. These statements are based on certain assumptions made by the Trust, and by Chesapeake in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe are appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with such expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including the risk factors discussed in Item 1A of Part I of the Trust’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, and those set forth from time to time in the Trust’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which could affect the future results of the energy industry in general, and the Trust and Chesapeake in particular, and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. The actual results or developments anticipated may not be realized or, even if substantially realized, they may not have the expected consequences to or effects on Chesapeake’s business and the Trust. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. The Trustee relies on Chesapeake for information regarding the Royalty Interests, the Underlying Properties and Chesapeake itself. The Trust undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

CHESAPEAKE GRANITE WASH TRUST

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND TRUST CORPUS

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
	(\$ in thousands)	
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,136
Investment in royalty interests	487,793	487,793
Less: accumulated amortization and impairment	(219,627) (170,641
Net investment in royalty interests	268,166	317,152
Long-term derivative asset	329	—
Total assets	\$ 269,754	\$ 318,288
LIABILITIES AND TRUST CORPUS:		
Short-term derivative liability	\$ 2,995	\$ 7,045
Long-term derivative liability	—	1,026
Total liabilities	2,995	8,071
Trust Corpus; 35,062,500 common units and 11,687,500 subordinated units authorized and outstanding	266,759	310,217
Total liabilities and Trust corpus	\$ 269,754	\$ 318,288

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

CHESAPEAKE GRANITE WASH TRUST
STATEMENTS OF DISTRIBUTABLE INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(\$ in thousands, except per unit data)			
REVENUES:				
Royalty income	\$23,606	\$27,759	\$75,262	\$87,090
EXPENSES:				
Production taxes	494	497	1,493	1,662
Trust administrative expenses	408	342	1,193	1,281
Cash settlements on derivatives	2,383	1,053	6,400	2,669
Total expenses	3,285	1,892	9,086	5,612
Distributable income available to unitholders	\$20,321	\$25,867	\$66,176	\$81,478
Distributable income per common unit (35,062,500 units)	\$0.5796	\$0.6900	\$1.8874	\$2.0500
Distributable income per subordinated unit (11,687,500 units)	\$—	\$0.1432	\$—	\$0.8214

CHESAPEAKE GRANITE WASH TRUST
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN TRUST CORPUS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(\$ in thousands)			
TRUST CORPUS: Beginning of period	\$274,960	\$349,237	\$310,217	\$421,537
Cash reserve surplus	164	181	123	252
Amortization of investment in royalty interests	(13,150)	(14,889)	(34,692)	(46,938)
Impairment of investment in royalty interests	(5,650)	—	(14,294)	(44,330)
Change in derivative liability	10,435	(7,753)	5,405	(3,745)
Distributable income	20,321	25,867	66,176	81,478
Distributions paid to unitholders	(20,321)	(25,867)	(66,176)	(81,478)
TRUST CORPUS: End of period	\$266,759	\$326,776	\$266,759	\$326,776

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Organization of the Trust

Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust (the "Trust") is a statutory trust formed in June 2011 under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act pursuant to an initial trust agreement by and among Chesapeake Energy Corporation ("Chesapeake"), as Trustor, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (the "Trustee"), and The Corporation Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee (the "Delaware Trustee").

The Trust was created to own royalty interests (the "Royalty Interests") for the benefit of Trust unitholders pursuant to a trust agreement dated as of June 29, 2011 and subsequently amended and restated as of November 16, 2011 by and among Chesapeake, Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake, the Trustee and the Delaware Trustee (the "Trust Agreement"). The Royalty Interests are derived from Chesapeake's interests in specified oil and natural gas properties located within an area of mutual interest (the "AMI") in the Colony Granite Wash play in Washita County in the Anadarko Basin of western Oklahoma (the "Underlying Properties"). Chesapeake conveyed the Royalty Interests to the Trust from (a) Chesapeake's interests in 69 existing horizontal wells (the "Producing Wells"), and (b) Chesapeake's interests in 118 horizontal development wells (the "Development Wells") that have since been, or that are to be, drilled on properties held by Chesapeake within the AMI. Pursuant to a development agreement with the Trust, Chesapeake is obligated to drill, cause to be drilled or participate as a non-operator in the drilling of the 118 Development Wells by June 30, 2016. Additionally, based on Chesapeake's assessment of the ability of a Development Well to produce in paying quantities, Chesapeake is obligated to either complete and tie into production or plug and abandon each Development Well. Chesapeake has retained an interest in each of the Producing Wells and Development Wells and currently operates 95% of the Producing Wells and the completed Development Wells and expects to operate all of the remaining Development Wells. As of September 30, 2014, Chesapeake had drilled and completed 87 wells within the AMI (approximately 95.7 of the 118 Development Wells as calculated under the development agreement). As of November 3, 2014, Chesapeake had drilled and completed, or caused to be drilled or completed, a total of 88 wells in the AMI (approximately 96.9 of the 118 Development Wells as calculated under the development agreement) and had drilled three additional wells within the AMI that were awaiting completion.

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed by the Trustee. The Trust Agreement limits the Trust's business activities generally to owning the Royalty Interests and any activity reasonably related to such ownership, including activities required or permitted by the terms of the conveyances related to the Royalty Interests and derivative contracts between the Trust and its counterparty. The royalty interests in the Producing Wells entitle the Trust to receive 90% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes) from the sales of oil, natural gas liquids ("NGL") and natural gas production attributable to Chesapeake's net revenue interest in the Producing Wells. The royalty interests in the Development Wells entitle the Trust to receive 50% of the proceeds (exclusive of any production or development costs but after deducting certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes) from the sales of oil, NGL and natural gas production attributable to Chesapeake's net revenue interest in the Development Wells.

Through an initial public offering in November 2011, the Trust sold to the public 23,000,000 common units, representing beneficial interests in the Trust, for cash proceeds of approximately \$409.7 million, net of offering costs. The Trust delivered the net proceeds of the initial public offering, along with 12,062,500 common units and 11,687,500 subordinated units, to certain wholly owned subsidiaries of Chesapeake in exchange for the conveyance of the Royalty Interests to the Trust. Upon completion of these transactions, there were 46,750,000 Trust units issued and outstanding, consisting of 35,062,500 common units and 11,687,500 subordinated units. The common units and subordinated units have identical rights and privileges, except with respect to their voting rights and rights to receive distributions as described below.

The subordinated units are entitled to receive pro rata distributions from the Trust each quarter if and to the extent there is sufficient cash to provide a cash distribution on the common units that is no less than 80% of the target distribution set forth in the Trust Agreement for the corresponding quarter (the "subordination threshold"). If there is not sufficient cash to fund such a distribution on all of the Trust units, the distribution to be made with respect to the

subordinated units will be reduced or eliminated for such quarter in order to make a distribution, to the extent possible, of up to the subordination threshold amount on the common units. In exchange for agreeing to subordinate a portion of its Trust units, and in order to provide additional financial incentive to Chesapeake to satisfy its drilling obligation and perform operations on the Underlying Properties in an efficient and cost-effective manner, Chesapeake is entitled

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to receive incentive distributions equal to 50% of the amount by which the cash available for distribution on all of the Trust units in any quarter is 20% greater than the target distribution for such quarter (the "incentive threshold"). The remaining 50% of cash available for distribution in excess of the applicable incentive threshold will be paid to Trust unitholders, including Chesapeake, on a pro rata basis. At the end of the fourth full calendar quarter following Chesapeake's satisfaction of its drilling obligation with respect to the Development Wells, the subordinated units will automatically convert into common units on a one-for-one basis and Chesapeake's right to receive incentive distributions will terminate. After such time, the common units will no longer have the protection of the subordination threshold, and all Trust unitholders will share on a pro rata basis in the Trust's distributions.

The aggregate common unit distributions paid in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 totaled \$1.8874 per unit. No subordinated unit distributions were paid during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The distributable income for each of the three production periods from September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014 was, in each case, below the applicable subordination threshold. All of the subordinated units are held by Chesapeake. See Risks and Uncertainties in Note 2 below.

The Trust will dissolve and begin to liquidate on June 30, 2031, or earlier upon certain events (the "Termination Date"), and will soon thereafter wind up its affairs and terminate. At the Termination Date, (a) 50% of the total Royalty Interests conveyed by Chesapeake will revert automatically to Chesapeake and (b) 50% of the total Royalty Interests conveyed by Chesapeake (the "Perpetual Royalties") will be retained by the Trust and thereafter sold. The net proceeds of the sale of the Perpetual Royalties, as well as any remaining Trust cash reserves, will be distributed to the unitholders on a pro rata basis. Chesapeake will have a right of first refusal to purchase the Perpetual Royalties retained by the Trust at the Termination Date.

2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus as of December 31, 2013 and the unaudited interim financial statements of the Trust as of, or for the three and nine months ended, September 30, 2014 and 2013, have been presented in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and include all adjustments which are, in the opinion of the Trustee, necessary to fairly state our financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2013 audited financial statements and notes of the Trust included in the Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all disclosures required for financial statements prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Financial statements of the Trust differ from financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP as the Trust records revenues when received and expenses when paid and may also establish certain cash reserves for contingencies which would not be accrued in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. This non-GAAP comprehensive basis of accounting corresponds to the accounting principles permitted for royalty trusts by the SEC as specified by Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 12:E, Financial Statements of Royalty Trusts.

Most accounting pronouncements apply to entities whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, directing such entities to accrue or defer revenues and expenses in a period other than when such revenues were received or expenses were paid. Because the Trust's financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis as described above, most accounting pronouncements are not applicable to the Trust's financial statements.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements requires the Trust to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and Trust corpus during the reporting period. Significant estimates that impact the Trust's financial statements include estimates of proved oil and natural gas reserves, which are used to compute the Trust's amortization of the Investment in Royalty Interests (as defined in Investment in Royalty Interests below) and, as necessary, to evaluate potential impairments of Investment in Royalty Interests and determine the fair value of derivatives. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties. The Trust's revenues and distributions are substantially dependent upon the prevailing and future prices for oil, NGL and natural gas, each of which depends on numerous factors beyond the Trust's control such as economic conditions, regulatory developments and competition from other energy sources. Oil, NGL and

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natural gas prices historically have been volatile, and may be subject to significant fluctuations in the future. The Trust's derivative contracts are intended to mitigate the effect of this price volatility on a portion of the Trust's anticipated oil and NGL production through September 30, 2015. See Note 3 for discussion of the Trust's derivative contracts.

The Trust's income available for distribution throughout 2013 and 2014 has been adversely affected by several factors. Lower natural gas prices combined with relatively stronger oil prices have resulted in an industry-wide increase in drilling activity in oil- and NGL-rich plays. The resulting increase in production volumes of NGL led to a significant decrease in the price of NGL. In addition to the Trust's exposure to low prices for natural gas, oil and NGL, the Trust experienced reduced production volumes throughout 2013 and 2014, largely due to higher-than-expected pressure depletion within the AMI described below. For the quarterly production periods from September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013, December 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 and March 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014, the Trust paid a common unit distribution below the applicable subordination threshold and no subordinated distribution was paid. On November 6, 2014, the Trust declared a cash distribution of \$0.5079 per common unit, consisting of proceeds attributable to production from June 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014. All of the quarterly income available for distribution will be used to make the common unit distribution and no subordinated unit distribution will be paid. The distribution will be paid on December 1, 2014 to record unitholders as of November 19, 2014. See Note 6 for information regarding prior distributions paid and Note 7 for information regarding the distribution to be paid on December 1, 2014. Low levels of future production would continue to reduce the Trust's revenues and distributable income available to unitholders and would likely result in distributions to common unitholders at or below the subordination threshold. When a quarterly cash distribution in respect of the common units is lower than the applicable subordination threshold, the common units are not entitled to receive any additional distributions, nor are the common units or the subordinated units entitled to arrearages in any future quarter.

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Trust recognized approximately \$5.7 million in impairments of the Royalty Interests primarily due to a decrease in oil prices. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Trust recognized approximately \$14.3 million in impairments of the Royalty Interests primarily due to a decrease in oil prices and lower proved reserve quantities. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Trust recognized approximately \$44.3 million in impairments of the Royalty Interests primarily due to lower proved reserve quantities. See Investment in Royalty Interests below for further discussion of the impairments.

As previously disclosed, Chesapeake reduced its operated rig count in the AMI from four rigs to two rigs in August 2013 to slow the pace of its drilling program and allow more time to apply well performance analysis on a well-to-well basis. Chesapeake has incorporated the results of its analysis of the Colony Granite Wash reservoir into its development plan for the AMI and has made adjustments to well spacing and interval selections in an effort to enhance the value of the remaining Development Wells. Chesapeake's analysis indicates that these adjustments could result in less pressure depletion for areas in the AMI where recent Development Wells have been drilled. Chesapeake does not anticipate any significant changes to its current drilling program or operated rig count in the AMI but will continue analyzing the impact of these adjustments. However, Chesapeake is unable to predict whether these adjustments will continue to result in less pressure depletion in these areas, whether reduced pressure depletion will result in a corresponding improvement in Development Well performance or the effects on future distributions to Trust unitholders. If well performance does not improve, the Trust's revenues and distributable income available to unitholders will be reduced further, contributing to continued distributions to common unitholders below the subordination threshold. Decreased well performance or lower expected ultimate recovery may also lead to further impairments of the Royalty Interests.

Chesapeake's ability to perform its obligations to the Trust will depend on its future results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, which in turn will depend upon the supply and demand for oil, NGL and natural gas, prevailing economic conditions and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond Chesapeake's control.

If Chesapeake were to default on its obligation to drill the Development Wells, the Trust would be able to foreclose on a drilling support lien (the “Drilling Support Lien”) to the extent of Chesapeake’s remaining interests in the undeveloped portions of the AMI, file a lawsuit to collect monetary damages from Chesapeake and pursue other available legal remedies against Chesapeake. However, the Trust is not permitted to obtain specific performance from Chesapeake of its drilling obligation and the maximum amount the Trust can recover under the Drilling Support Lien in a foreclosure or other action was limited to approximately \$49.7 million as of September 30, 2014 and further reduced to \$46.9

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million as of November 3, 2014. The maximum amount that may be recovered under the Drilling Support Lien will decrease as the remaining Development Wells are drilled and completed.

Delays and expenses associated with a foreclosure could reduce distributions to the Trust unitholders by reducing the amount of proceeds available for distribution and could result in the loss of acreage due to leasehold expirations. Any amounts actually recovered in a foreclosure action would be applied to completion of Chesapeake's drilling obligation, would not result in any distribution to the Trust unitholders and would likely be insufficient to fund the drilling and completion of the number of wells needed for the Trust to realize the full value of the Royalty Interests in the Development Wells.

In the event of a bankruptcy of Chesapeake or the wholly owned subsidiaries of Chesapeake that conveyed the Royalty Interests to the Trust, the Trust could lose the value of all of the Royalty Interests if a bankruptcy court were to hold that the Royalty Interests constitute an asset of the bankruptcy estate. Chesapeake could also be unable to provide support to the Trust through loans and performance of its management duties.

Cash. Cash equivalents include all highly-liquid instruments with maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition. The Trustee maintains a minimum cash reserve of \$1.0 million and may at the Trustee's discretion reserve funds for future expected administrative expenses.

Investment in Royalty Interests. The Investment in Royalty Interests is amortized as a single cost center on a units-of-production basis over total proved reserves. Such amortization does not reduce distributable income, rather it is charged directly to Trust corpus. Revisions to estimated future units-of-production are treated on a prospective basis beginning on the date such revisions are known. The carrying value of the Trust's Investment in Royalty Interests will not necessarily be indicative of the fair value of such Royalty Interests. The Trust is not burdened by development costs of the Royalty Interests.

On a quarterly basis, the Trust evaluates the carrying value of the Investment in Royalty Interests under the full cost accounting method prescribed by the SEC. This quarterly review is referred to as a ceiling test. Under the ceiling test, the carrying value of the Investment in Royalty Interests may not exceed an amount equal to the sum of the present value (using a 10% discount rate) of the estimated future net revenues from proved reserves. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, the carrying value of the Investment in Royalty Interests exceeded the estimated present value calculation of future net revenues from proved reserves, resulting in approximately \$5.7 million in impairments primarily due to a decrease in oil prices. There were no such impairments for the three months ended September 30, 2013. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 there was an aggregate of \$14.3 million and \$44.3 million in impairments in the carrying value of the Investment in Royalty Interests. The 2014 impairments were primarily the result of a decrease in oil prices and lower proved reserve quantities. The 2013 impairments were primarily the result of lower proved reserve quantities. Lower proved reserve quantities in the first two quarters of 2014 and throughout 2013 were attributable to higher-than-expected pressure depletion within certain areas of the AMI. This depletion has resulted in lower initial production rates and lower expected ultimate recovery in some recent Development Wells. The impairments resulted in non-cash charges to Trust corpus and did not affect the Trust's distributable income. See Risks and Uncertainties above for further discussion.

Derivatives. To mitigate a portion of the exposure to adverse market changes of oil prices and, to the extent oil production falls below the hedged oil volume, NGL prices, the Trust is party to derivative contracts with its hedge counterparty. See Note 3 for discussion of the derivative contracts currently outstanding.

The Trust records gains or losses from the derivative contracts when proceeds are received or payments are made, respectively. Additionally, changes in the fair value of the derivative contracts are accounted for as an adjustment to Trust corpus and the fair value carried on the Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus. Cash distributions to unitholders are increased or decreased by the effect of the Trust's derivative contracts.

Loan Commitment. Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, if at any time the Trust's cash on hand (including available cash reserves) is not sufficient to pay the Trust's ordinary course expenses as they become due, Chesapeake will loan funds to the Trust necessary to pay such expenses. Such loans will be recorded as a liability on the Statements of Assets,

Liabilities and Trust Corpus until repaid. A loan neither increases nor decreases distributions to unitholders; however, no further distributions may be made to unitholders (except in respect of any previously determined quarterly

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cash distribution amount) until the loan is repaid. There were no loans outstanding as of September 30, 2014 or December 31, 2013.

Revenues and Expenses. Neither the Trust nor the Trustee is responsible for, or has any control over, any costs related to the drilling of the Development Wells or any other operating or capital costs of the Underlying Properties. The Trust's revenues with respect to the Royalty Interests in the Underlying Properties are net of existing royalties and overriding royalties associated with Chesapeake's interests and are determined after deducting certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes associated with the Royalty Interests. Post-production expenses generally consist of costs incurred to gather, store, compress, transport, process, treat, dehydrate and market the oil, NGL and natural gas produced. However, the Trust is not responsible for costs of marketing services provided by affiliates of Chesapeake. Cash distributions to unitholders are reduced by the Trust's general and administrative expenses.

3. Derivative Contracts

The Trust's derivative contracts are intended to manage its exposure to variability in cash flow from changes in oil prices and, to the extent oil production falls below hedged oil volume, NGL prices. On November 16, 2011, Chesapeake novated the derivative contracts described in the table below to the Trust pursuant to which the Trust became party to derivative contracts covering a portion of its expected production from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015. These derivative contracts consist of fixed-price oil swaps in which the Trust receives a fixed price and pays a floating market price based on New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") settlement prices to the counterparty for the underlying commodity of the derivative. As a party to these contracts, the Trust receives payments directly from its counterparty or is required to pay any amounts owed directly to the counterparty. All swaps are net settled based on the difference between the fixed-price payment and the floating-price payment. Settlements are due on a quarterly basis, including the first two months of the calendar quarter just ended and the last month of the calendar quarter prior to that one. Any payment due to or from such counterparty is required to be made by the 40th day following the end of the calendar quarter in which such payment becomes due.

The Trust's obligations to the counterparty under the derivative contracts are secured by liens on proved reserves attributable to the Trust's interest in the Underlying Properties. The counterparty's obligations under the hedge facility must be secured by cash or short-term U.S. Treasury instruments to the extent that any mark-to-market amounts owed to the Trust exceed defined thresholds. Mark-to-market amounts did not exceed the defined thresholds as of September 30, 2014.

As of September 30, 2014, the Trust had the following crude oil derivative contracts:

Production Quarter	Fixed-Price Oil Swaps		
	Volume (mdbl)	Weighted Avg. Price (\$ per bbl)	Fair Value Asset (Liability) (\$ in thousands)
Q2 2014 ^(a)	60.1	\$88.31	\$(775)
Q3 2014 ^(b)	178.8	\$88.34	(1,822)
Q4 2014	174.3	\$88.45	(390)
Q1 2015	171.0	\$88.59	(61)
Q2 2015	175.4	\$88.76	131
Q3 2015	153.6	\$88.90	251
Total	913.2	\$88.58	\$(2,666)

(a) Includes June 2014 production that was settled in November 2014.

(b) Includes July and August 2014 production that was settled in November 2014.

To the extent expected oil production falls below the hedged oil volume, the derivative contracts also cover expected NGL production. Such estimated production of NGL is hedged with crude oil derivative contracts using a conversion

ratio of one barrel of NGL to 49.2% of a barrel of oil. Throughout 2013 and 2014, NGL prices decreased

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relative to oil prices. To the extent oil and NGL prices are not correlated, the derivative contracts do not effectively mitigate the price risk of the Trust's NGL production.

Additional Disclosures Regarding Derivative Contracts

In accordance with accounting guidance for derivatives and hedging, and because a legal right of set-off exists, the Trust has netted the value of its derivative contracts with the counterparty in the accompanying Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus. Short-term derivative liability represents the estimated fair value of derivatives scheduled to settle in cash over the next twelve months based on market prices as of September 30, 2014. The Trust does not apply hedge accounting to any of its derivative contracts, and therefore, any changes in the fair value of the derivative contracts prior to settlement are accounted for as an adjustment to Trust corpus. Results of settled derivative contracts are reflected in distributable income in the period when paid. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Trust settled derivative contracts that resulted in payments to the counterparty of \$2.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Trust settled derivative contracts that resulted in payments to the counterparty, in the aggregate, of \$6.4 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. The following table presents the fair value and location of each derivative contract classification disclosed in the Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 on a gross basis without regard to same-counterparty netting:

	Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus Location	Fair Value September 30, 2014 (\$ in thousands)	December 31, 2013
Asset Derivatives:			
Not designated as hedging instrument			
Commodity contracts	Short-term derivative asset	\$516	\$—
Commodity contracts	Long-term derivative asset	471	728
Total		987	728
Liability Derivatives:			
Not designated as hedging instrument			
Commodity contracts	Short-term derivative liability	(3,511) (7,045
Commodity contracts	Long-term derivative liability	(142) (1,754
Total		(3,653) (8,799
Total derivatives instruments		\$(2,666) \$(8,071

All of the Trust's derivative positions are subject to netting arrangements which provide for offsetting of asset and liability positions, as well as related cash collateral if applicable. Such netting arrangements generally do not have restrictions. Under such netting arrangements, the Trust offsets the fair value of derivative instruments with cash collateral received or paid for those contracts executed with the same counterparty, which reduces the Trust's total assets and Trust corpus. As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Trust did not have any cash collateral balances for these derivatives.

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The following tables present the netting offsets of derivative assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	September 30, 2014		Derivative Liabilities	
	Derivative Assets Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term
	(\$ in thousands)			
Commodity Contracts:				
Gross amounts of recognized assets (liabilities)	\$516	\$471	\$(3,511)	\$(142)
Gross amounts offset in the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus	(516)	(142)	516	142
Total derivatives as reported	\$—	\$329	\$(2,995)	\$—
	December 31, 2013		Derivative Liabilities	
	Derivative Assets Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term
	(\$ in thousands)			
Commodity Contracts:				
Gross amounts of recognized assets (liabilities)	\$—	\$728	\$(7,045)	\$(1,754)
Gross amounts offset in the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus	—	(728)	—	728
Total derivatives as reported	\$—	\$—	\$(7,045)	\$(1,026)

Fair Value Measurement
Certain financial instruments are reported at fair value on the Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus. Under fair value measurement accounting guidance, fair value is defined as the amount that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid for the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, i.e., an exit price. To estimate an exit price, a three-level hierarchy is used. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs, which refer broadly to assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or a liability, into three levels. Level 1 inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the financial asset or liability and have the lowest priority. The Trust uses a market valuation approach based on available inputs and the following methods and assumptions to measure the fair values of its assets and liabilities, which may or may not be observable in the market. Fair Value of Derivatives. The fair value of the Trust's derivatives is based on third-party pricing models which utilize inputs that are either readily available in the public market, such as oil forward curves and discount rates, or can be corroborated from active markets or broker quotes. These values are compared to the values given by our counterparty for reasonableness. Since commodity swaps do not include optionality and therefore generally have no unobservable inputs, they are classified as Level 2.

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets (liabilities) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2014:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) (\$ in thousands)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value
Financial Assets (Liabilities):				
Derivative liabilities	\$—	\$(2,666)	\$—	\$(2,666)

Total	\$—	\$(2,666) \$—	\$(2,666)
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The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets (liabilities) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) (\$ in thousands)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value
Financial Assets (Liabilities):				
Derivative liabilities	\$—	\$(8,071) \$—	\$(8,071)
Total	\$—	\$(8,071) \$—	\$(8,071)

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments. The estimated fair value of financial instruments is made in accordance with accounting guidance for financial instruments. The carrying values of financial instruments comprising cash and cash equivalents approximate fair values due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

4. Income Taxes

The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Trust is not required to pay federal or state income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income tax has been made.

Trust unitholders are treated as partners of the Trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Trust Agreement contains tax provisions that generally allocate the Trust's income, deductions and credits among the Trust unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in the Trust. The Trust Agreement also sets forth the tax accounting principles to be applied by the Trust.

5. Related Party Transactions

Trustee Administrative Fee. Under the terms of the Trust Agreement, the Trust pays an annual administrative fee of \$175,000 to the Trustee, paid in equal quarterly installments. The administrative fee may be adjusted for inflation by no more than 3% in any calendar year beginning in 2015.

Agreements with Chesapeake. In connection with the initial public offering and the conveyance of the Royalty Interests to the Trust, the Trust entered into an administrative services agreement, a development agreement and a registration rights agreement with Chesapeake.

Pursuant to the administrative services agreement, Chesapeake provides the Trust with certain accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and information services related to the Royalty Interests and the registration rights agreement. In return for the services provided by Chesapeake under the administrative services agreement, the Trust pays Chesapeake, in equal quarterly installments, an annual fee of \$200,000, which will remain fixed for the life of the Trust. Chesapeake is also entitled to receive reimbursement for its actual out-of-pocket fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the provision of any of the services under the agreement.

Additionally, the administrative services agreement established Chesapeake as the Trust's hedge manager, pursuant to which Chesapeake has the authority, on behalf of the Trust, to administer the Trust's derivative contracts. As hedge manager, Chesapeake also has authority to terminate, restructure or otherwise modify all or any portion of the derivative contracts to the extent that Chesapeake reasonably determines, acting in good faith, that the volumes hedged under such contracts exceed, or are expected to exceed, the combined estimated production attributable to the Royalty Interests over the periods hedged. However, in fulfilling its role as hedge manager, Chesapeake does not act as a fiduciary for the Trust and has no affirmative duty to modify any of the Trust's derivative contracts, except as required by the derivative contracts and the administrative services agreement. Moreover, the Trust has agreed to indemnify Chesapeake for any actions it takes in this regard.

The administrative services agreement will terminate upon the earliest to occur of (a) the date the Trust shall have dissolved and wound up its business and affairs in accordance with the Trust Agreement, (b) the date that all of the

Royalty Interests have been terminated or are no longer held by the Trust, (c) with respect to services to be provided

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with respect to any Underlying Properties being transferred by Chesapeake, the date that either Chesapeake or the Trustee may designate by delivering 90-days prior written notice, provided that Chesapeake's drilling obligation has been completed and the transferee of such Underlying Properties assumes responsibility to perform the services in place of Chesapeake or (d) a date mutually agreed by Chesapeake and the Trustee.

The development agreement obligates Chesapeake to drill, cause to be drilled or participate as a non-operator in the drilling of the Development Wells on or prior to June 30, 2016. Additionally, based on Chesapeake's assessment of the ability of a Development Well to produce in paying quantities, Chesapeake is obligated to either complete and tie into production or plug and abandon each Development Well. Chesapeake has also agreed not to drill and complete, or permit any other person within its control to drill and complete, any well in the AMI other than the Development Wells until Chesapeake has met its obligation to drill the Development Wells.

In drilling the Development Wells, Chesapeake is required to act diligently and as a reasonably prudent oil and gas operator would act under the same or similar circumstances as if it were acting with respect to its own properties, disregarding the existence of the Royalty Interests as burdens affecting such properties (the "Reasonably Prudent Operator Standard"). Where Chesapeake does not operate the Underlying Properties, Chesapeake is required to use commercially reasonable efforts to exercise its contractual rights to cause the operators of such Underlying Properties to adhere to the Reasonably Prudent Operator Standard. Chesapeake expects that the drilling and completion techniques used for the remaining Development Wells will be generally consistent with those used for the Producing Wells, the existing Development Wells and other Colony Granite Wash producing wells outside of the AMI. Under the development agreement, Chesapeake is credited for drilling one full Development Well if the perforated length of the well is equal to or greater than 3,500 feet and Chesapeake's net revenue interest in the well is equal to 52.0%. For wells with a perforated length that is less than 3,500 feet, and for wells in which Chesapeake has a net revenue interest greater than or less than 52.0%, Chesapeake receives proportionate credit.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake has granted to the Trust the Drilling Support Lien covering Chesapeake's retained interest in the AMI (except its interest in the Producing Wells, Development Wells and any other wells not subject to the Royalty Interests) in order to secure the estimated amount of the drilling costs for the Trust's interests in the Development Wells. The maximum amount that may be obtained by the Trust pursuant to the Drilling Support Lien initially could not exceed \$262.7 million. As Chesapeake fulfills its drilling obligation over time, the total amount that may be recovered is proportionately reduced and completed Development Wells are released from the lien. If Chesapeake does not fulfill its drilling obligation by June 30, 2016, the Trust may foreclose on any remaining interest in the AMI that is subject to the Drilling Support Lien. Any amounts actually recovered in a foreclosure action would be applied to the completion of Chesapeake's drilling obligation and would not result in any distribution to the Trust unitholders.

Chesapeake's drilling activity with respect to the Development Wells is consistent with its intent to meet the drilling obligation contemplated by the development agreement. As of November 3, 2014, Chesapeake had drilled and completed, or caused to be drilled and completed, a total of 88 wells in the AMI (approximately 96.9 of the 118 Development Wells as calculated under the development agreement), reducing the amount that may be recovered under the Drilling Support Lien to approximately \$46.9 million. See Risks and Uncertainties in Note 2 regarding the operated rig count reduction in August 2013 from four rigs to two rigs.

The Trust also entered into a registration rights agreement for the benefit of Chesapeake and certain of its affiliates (each, a "holder"). Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, the Trust agreed to register the Trust units held by each such holder for resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In connection with the preparation and filing of any registration statement, Chesapeake will bear all costs and expenses incidental to any registration statement, excluding certain internal expenses of the Trust, which will be borne by the Trust, and any underwriting discounts and commissions, which will be borne by the seller of the Trust units.

Loan Commitment. Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, if at any time the Trust's cash on hand (including available cash reserves) is not sufficient to pay the Trust's ordinary course expenses as they become due, Chesapeake will loan funds to the Trust necessary to pay such expenses. Any funds loaned by Chesapeake pursuant to this commitment will be limited to the payment of current accounts payable or other obligations to trade creditors in connection with obtaining goods or services or the payment of other current liabilities arising in the ordinary course of the Trust's business, and may not be used to satisfy Trust indebtedness for borrowed money of the Trust. If Chesapeake loans

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funds pursuant to this commitment, unless Chesapeake agrees otherwise, no further distributions will be made to unitholders (except in respect of any previously determined quarterly cash distribution amount) until such loan is repaid. There were no loans outstanding as of September 30, 2014 or December 31, 2013.

6. Distributions to Unitholders

The Trust makes quarterly cash distributions of substantially all of its cash receipts, after deducting the Trust's expenses, approximately 60 days following the completion of each quarter through (and including) the quarter ending June 30, 2013.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Trust declared and paid the following cash distributions:

Calendar Quarter	Production Period	Distribution Date	Cash Distribution per Common Unit	Cash Distribution per Subordinated Unit
Q3 2014	March 2014 - May 2014	August 29, 2014	\$0.5796	\$—
Q2 2014	December 2013 - February 2014	May 30, 2014	\$0.6454	\$—
Q1 2014	September 2013 - November 2013	March 3, 2014	\$0.6624	\$—
Q3 2013	March 2013 - May 2013	August 29, 2013	\$0.6900	\$0.1432
Q2 2013	December 2012 - February 2013	May 31, 2013	\$0.6900	\$0.3010
Q1 2013	September 2012 - November 2012	March 1, 2013	\$0.6700	\$0.3772

7. Subsequent Events

On November 6, 2014, the Trust declared a cash distribution of \$0.5079 per common unit, consisting of proceeds attributable to production from June 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014. The distribution will be paid on December 1, 2014 to record unitholders as of November 19, 2014. The Trust's quarterly income available for distribution was \$0.3809 per unit, which was \$0.3091 below the applicable subordination threshold of \$0.6900. All of the quarterly income available for distribution will be used to make the common unit distribution and no subordinated unit distribution will be paid. Distributable income attributable to production from June 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014 was calculated as follows (in thousands except for unit and per unit amounts):

REVENUES:

Royalty income ^(a)	\$20,735
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EXPENSES:

Production taxes	427
Trust administrative expenses ^(b)	177
Derivative settlement loss	2,323
Total Expenses	2,927
Distributable income available to unitholders	\$17,808

Distributable income per common unit (35,062,500 units)	\$0.5079
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Distributable income per subordinated unit (11,687,500 units) ^(c)	\$—
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(a) Net of certain post-production expenses.

(b) Includes cash reserves withheld.

(c) As the common unit distribution is below the applicable subordination threshold, no distribution was declared for the subordinated units.

ITEM 2. Trustee's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Introduction

The following discussion and analysis is intended to help the reader understand the Trust's financial condition and results of operations. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Trust's unaudited interim financial statements and the accompanying notes relating to the Trust and the Underlying Properties included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report as well as the Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Form 10-K").

Overview

The Trust is a statutory trust formed in June 2011 under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act. The business and affairs of the Trust are managed by the Trustee and, as necessary, the Delaware Trustee. The Trust does not conduct any operations or activities other than owning the Royalty Interests and activities related to such ownership. The Trust's purpose is generally to own the Royalty Interests, to distribute to the Trust unitholders cash that the Trust receives in respect of the Royalty Interests and the derivative contracts (described in Note 3 to the financial statements contained in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report) and to perform certain administrative functions in respect of the Royalty Interests and the Trust units. The Trust derives all or substantially all of its income and cash flow from the Royalty Interests and the derivative contracts. The Trust is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

Concurrent with the Trust's initial public offering in November 2011, Chesapeake conveyed the Royalty Interests to the Trust effective July 1, 2011, which included interests in (a) 69 Producing Wells in the Colony Granite Wash play and (b) 118 Development Wells that have since been or that are to be drilled in the Colony Granite Wash play on properties within the AMI. Chesapeake is obligated to drill, cause to be drilled or participate as a non-operator in the drilling of the Development Wells from drill sites in the AMI on or prior to June 30, 2016. Additionally, based on Chesapeake's assessment of the ability of a Development Well to produce in paying quantities, Chesapeake is obligated to either complete and tie into production or plug and abandon each Development Well. As of September 30, 2014, Chesapeake had drilled and completed 87 wells within the AMI (approximately 95.7 of the 118 Development Wells as calculated under the development agreement). As of November 3, 2014, Chesapeake had drilled and completed, or caused to be drilled or completed, a total of 88 wells in the AMI (approximately 96.9 of the 118 Development Wells as calculated under the development agreement) and had drilled three additional wells within the AMI that were awaiting completion.

The Trust is not responsible for any costs related to the drilling of the Development Wells or any other operating or capital costs of the Underlying Properties, and Chesapeake is not permitted to drill and complete any well in the Colony Granite Wash formation on acreage included within the AMI for its own account until it has satisfied its drilling obligation to the Trust.

The Royalty Interests entitle the Trust to receive 90% of the proceeds (after deducting certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes) from the sales of production of oil, NGL and natural gas attributable to Chesapeake's net revenue interest in the Producing Wells and 50% of the proceeds (after deducting certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes) from the sales of oil, NGL and natural gas production attributable to Chesapeake's net revenue interest in the Development Wells. Post-production expenses generally consist of costs incurred to gather, store, compress, transport, process, treat, dehydrate and market the oil, NGL and natural gas produced. However, the Trust is not responsible for costs of marketing services provided by Chesapeake or its affiliates.

On November 16, 2011, Chesapeake novated to the Trust, and the Trust became party to, derivative contracts covering a portion of the production attributable to the Royalty Interests from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015. The Trust's distributable income includes net settlements under these derivative contracts. The fair value of the derivative contracts as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was a net liability of \$2.7 million and \$8.1 million, respectively.

The Trust is required to make quarterly cash distributions of substantially all of its cash receipts, after deducting the Trust's administrative expenses, on or about 60 days following the completion of each calendar quarter through (and including) the quarter ending June 30, 2031. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, three distributions

were paid. See Liquidity and Capital Resources below and Note 6 to the financial statements contained in Item I Part I of this Quarterly Report for more information regarding the distributions.

The amount of Trust revenues and cash distributions to Trust unitholders fluctuates from quarter to quarter depending on several factors, including:

- timing and amount of initial production and sales from the Development Wells;
- oil, NGL and natural gas prices received;
- volumes of oil, NGL and natural gas produced and sold;
- amounts received from, or paid under, derivative contracts;
- certain post-production expenses and any applicable taxes; and
- the Trust's expenses.

Subordination Threshold. In order to provide support for cash distributions on the common units, Chesapeake agreed to subordinate 11,687,500 of the Trust units retained following the initial public offering of common units, which constitute 25% of the outstanding Trust units. The subordinated units are entitled to receive pro rata distributions from the Trust each quarter if and to the extent there is sufficient cash to pay a cash distribution on the common units that is no less than 80% of the target distribution set forth in the Trust Agreement for the corresponding quarter. If there is not sufficient cash to fund such a distribution on all of the common units, the distribution to be made with respect to the subordinated units is reduced or eliminated for such quarter in order to make a distribution, to the extent possible, of up to the subordination threshold amount on all the common units, including the common units held by Chesapeake.

Incentive Threshold. In exchange for agreeing to subordinate a portion of its Trust units, and in order to provide additional financial incentive to Chesapeake to satisfy its drilling obligation and perform operations on the Underlying Properties in an efficient and cost-effective manner, Chesapeake is entitled to receive incentive distributions equal to 50% of the amount by which the cash available for distribution on all of the Trust units in any quarter is 20% greater than the target distribution for such quarter. The remaining 50% of cash available for distribution in excess of the applicable incentive threshold is paid to the Trust unitholders, including Chesapeake, on a pro rata basis.

At the end of the fourth full calendar quarter following Chesapeake's satisfaction of its drilling obligation with respect to the Development Wells, the subordinated units will automatically convert into common units on a one-for-one basis and Chesapeake's right to receive incentive distributions will terminate. With respect to distributions for quarters following the fourth full quarter after Chesapeake's satisfaction of its Development Well drilling obligation, the common units will no longer have the protection of the subordination threshold, and all Trust unitholders will share on a pro rata basis in the Trust's distributions. The period during which the subordinated units are outstanding is referred to as the subordination period.

The following table sets forth the subordination threshold and the incentive threshold for each calendar quarter through the second quarter of 2017, as established in the Trust Agreement:

Period	Subordination Threshold ^(a) (per unit)	Incentive Threshold ^(a)
2014:		
First Quarter ^(b)	\$0.69	\$1.04
Second Quarter ^(c)	\$0.68	\$1.02
Third Quarter ^(d)	\$0.69	\$1.03
Fourth Quarter	\$0.66	\$0.99
2015:		
First Quarter	\$0.66	\$0.99
Second Quarter	\$0.68	\$1.02
Third Quarter	\$0.64	\$0.96
Fourth Quarter	\$0.56	\$0.84
2016:		
First Quarter	\$0.51	\$0.76
Second Quarter	\$0.47	\$0.70
Third Quarter	\$0.44	\$0.66
Fourth Quarter	\$0.41	\$0.62
2017:		
First Quarter	\$0.39	\$0.59
Second Quarter	\$0.37	\$0.56

For each quarter, the subordination threshold equals 80% of the target distribution and the incentive threshold (a) equals 120% of the target distribution. The subordination and incentive thresholds terminate after the distribution is made for the fourth full calendar quarter following Chesapeake's completion of its drilling obligation.

A distribution of \$0.6454 per common unit was paid on May 30, 2014 to unitholders of record as of May 20, 2014.

(b) As the common unit distribution was below the subordination threshold, no distribution was paid for the subordinated units.

A distribution of \$0.5796 per common unit was paid on August 29, 2014 to unitholders of record as of August 19,

(c) 2014. As the common unit distribution was below the subordination threshold, no distribution was paid for the subordinated units.

A distribution of \$0.5079 per common unit was declared on November 6, 2014. The distribution will be paid on

(d) December 1, 2014 to record unitholders as of November 19, 2014. As the common unit distribution is below the subordination threshold, no distribution will be paid for the subordinated units.

Results of Trust Operations

The quarterly payments to the Trust with respect to the Royalty Interests are based on the amount of proceeds actually received by Chesapeake during the preceding calendar quarter. Proceeds from production are typically received by Chesapeake one month after production. Due to the timing of the payment of production proceeds, quarterly distributions made by Chesapeake to the Trust generally include royalties attributable to sales of oil, NGL and natural gas for three months, comprised of the first two months of the quarter just ended and the last month of the quarter prior to that one. Chesapeake is required to make the Royalty Interest payments to the Trust within 35 days of the end of each calendar quarter. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Trust received payments on the Royalty Interests representing royalties attributable to proceeds from sales of oil, NGL and natural gas for September 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

The Trust's income available for distribution throughout 2013 and 2014 has been adversely affected by several factors. Lower natural gas prices combined with relatively stronger oil prices have resulted in an industry-wide increase in drilling activity in oil- and NGL-rich plays. The resulting increase in production volumes of NGL led to a significant decrease in the price of NGL. In addition to the Trust's exposure to low prices for natural gas, oil and NGL, the Trust experienced reduced production volumes throughout 2013 and 2014, largely due to higher-than-expected pressure depletion within the AMI described below. For the quarterly production periods from September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013, December 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014 and March 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014, the Trust paid a common unit distribution