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Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors Statements made in these presentation

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which are

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of

sufficient cash flow

to pay

distributions

and

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business

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natural

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important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. See Risk Factors in LINN Energy s 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K, Forms 10-Q, Registration Statement on Form S-4, each as amended, and any other public filings. We undertake no obligation

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except as

otherwise noted.

3 LINN Operations Berry Operations LINN Overview Corporate Headquarters (Houston)

NM TXKS ILLA MI ND OK CA East Texas WY UT CO California Uinta Basin Piceance Basin Permian Basin East Goldsmith Field Acquisition LINN Energy IPO in 2006 with initial enterprise value of ~\$713 million Completed or announced 60 transactions for ~\$15 billion (1) Large, long-life diversified reserve base (\$ in billions) Current (2) PF Berry (2)(3)Equity market cap \$7.5 \$10.7 Total net debt 7.0 8.8 Enterprise value \$14.5 \$19.5 Note: Market data as of November 4, 2013 (LINE

and

LNCO closing prices of \$31.80 and \$33.36 respectively). Unless noted otherwise, all operational and reserve data as of December 31, 2012. Estimates of proved reserves for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition were calculated as of the effective date of the acquisition using forward strip oil and

natural gas prices, which

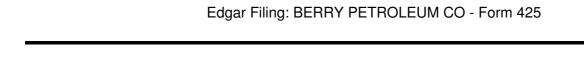
differ from estimates calculated in accordance with **SEC** rules and regulations. Estimates of proved reserves for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition based solely on data provided by seller. (1) Includes pending Berry transaction and 15 acquisitions comprising the Appalachian Basin properties sold in July 2008. (2) Pro forma for

the

East Goldsmith Field acquisition and \$500 million term loan facility. (3) Pro forma for pending merger with Berry Petroleum (Berry), which remains subject to closing conditions, including shareholder and unitholder approval. (4) Pro forma for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition and Panther divestiture. (5) Well count does not include

~2,500

royalty
interest
wells.
(\$ in billions)
Current
(4)
PF Berry
(3)(4)
Total proved reserves
~5.0 Tcfe
~6.6 Tcfe
% proved developed
64%
62%
% liquids
47%
54%
Reserve life-index
~17 years
~17 years
Gross productive wells
(5)
~16,000
~19,000



MLP and Independent E&P Rankings

Note: Market data as of November 4, 2013 (LINE closing price of \$31.80). Source: Bloomberg.

(1)

Pro forma for pending Berry transaction, which remains subject to closing conditions, including shareholder and unitholder application one of the largest MLP and independent E&P companies

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largest public MLP / LLC (1) 12 th largest domestic independent oil & natural gas company (1) 4 Rank Master Limited Partnership Enterprise Value (\$MM) Rank Independent E&P Enterprise Value (\$MM) 1. **Enterprise Products Partners** \$76,272 1. ConocoPhillips \$107,892 Kinder Morgan Energy Partners \$56,267 Occidental Petroleum Corp. \$82,744 **Energy Transfer Equity** \$56,048 3. Anadarko Petroleum Corp. \$59,803 4. **Energy Transfer Partners** \$46,065 4. EOG Resources Inc. \$54,972 5. Williams Partners \$31,313 5. Apache Corp. \$44,858 Plains All American Pipeline \$25,659 Chesapeake Energy Corp. \$36,157

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(1) \$19,460 7. **Devon Energy Corporation** \$31,919 8. **ONEOK Partners** \$17,932 8. Pioneer Natural Resources Co. \$31,856 9. **Enbridge Energy Partners** \$16,713 9. Marathon Oil Corporation \$31,540 10. Magellan Midstream Partners \$15,060 10. Noble Energy Inc. \$30,817 11. Markwest Energy Partners \$14,843 11. Continental Resources Inc. \$26,421 12. **Cheniere Energy Partners** \$14,712 12. Linn Energy LLC (PF Berry) (1) \$19,460 13. LINN Energy LLC \$14,534 13. Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. \$15,949 14. Access Midstream Partners \$13,964 14. EQT Corp. \$15,879 15.

Linn Energy LLC (PF Berry)

El Paso Pipeline Partners \$13,012 15. Range Resources Corp. \$15,583 16. **Boardwalk Pipeline Partners** \$11,299 16. Concho Resources Inc. \$15,434 17. Western Gas Equity Partners \$10,894 17. Southwestern Energy Co. \$15,207 18. Sunoco Logistics Partners \$9,645 18. LINN Energy LLC \$14,534 19. **Buckeye Partners** \$9,601 19. Murphy Oil Corp. \$12,749 20. Regency Energy Partners \$9,289 20. Denbury Resources Inc. \$10,486 21. Spectra Energy Partners \$9,080 21. Cimarex Energy Co. \$10,065 22. Targa Resources Partners \$8,542 22. Whiting Petroleum Corp. \$9,949 23. Western Gas Partners \$8,260

23.

QEP Resources Inc.

\$9,255

24.

Atlas Energy LP

\$7,657

24.

Cobalt International Energy

\$9,216

25.

Amerigas Partners

\$6,585

25.

MDU Resources Group Inc.

\$7,793

Pending Berry Transaction Overview

(1)

Reserve estimates for pending Berry transaction based solely on data provided by seller.

Proved Reserves

Q3'13 Production

~41 MBoe/d

~1.65 Tcfe

Berry s Margin and Oil Production Growth

Transaction Update

The final Registration Statement on Form S-4

was declared effective by the SEC on

November 14, 2013

Unitholder / shareholder meetings scheduled

for December 16, 2013

Valued at ~\$4.9 billion, including debt

Transaction Highlights

Oil

67%

Natural

Gas

26%

NGLs

7%

California

50%

Permian

20%

Uinta

20%

East TX and

Piceance

10%

\$30

\$36

\$45

\$49

\$49

Margin

\$/BOE

Long-life, low-decline, mature assets

Increases LINN s production by ~30%

Increases LINN s liquids exposure

Dominant California position

Significant additional resources

~15% decline rate

Reserve life of >18 years

Berry s reserves are ~75% liquids

Upon closing, LINN will be the 5th largest producer

in California

Probable and possible reserves total ~3.8 Tcfe

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First ever acquisition of a public C-Corp. by an upstream LLC or MLP Structure allows for:

Tax free transaction to Berry shareholders

LINN to acquire Berry (C-Corp.) and convert it into an LLC with no immediate payment of tax

Provides LINN with the financial flexibility to consider merging

with both private

and public C-Corps.

Financial Highlights

Expected to be accretive to cash available for distribution

Potential for additional operational synergies

All stock consideration and greatly increased size result in significantly improved debt metrics

Pending Berry Transaction Highlights

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Accretion expected to increase in subsequent years

Asset Overview
Net production ~4,800 Boe/d
Proved reserves of ~30 MMBoe (~70% oil)
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Large infill drilling inventory
Reserves-to-production ratio of ~17 years
~98% operated working interest

124 producing wells on 6,250 net acres

0

Majority held by production

Platform for Growth

Expect to drill ~300 wells over the next 4-5 years

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Proven downspacing from 40 acres to 10

acres

Future Clearfork waterflood

o

Additional reserve potential of ~24 MMBoe

CO

2

flood potential in Glorieta, San Andres and

Holt intervals

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East Goldsmith Field

\$525 million acquisition of

properties located in the Central Basin Platform of

the Permian Basin closed on October 31.

East Goldsmith Field Acquisition

East Goldsmith

Area

LINN Operational Update
8
Granite Wash
8 rigs drilling in the region
0
2 rigs targeting the Hogshooter interval in the Mayfield area of western Oklahoma

0

6 rigs focused on developing high-return, liquids-rich opportunities in the Texas Panhandle 12 Hogshooter wells producing in the Mayfield area with gross average IP rates of \sim 3,800 Boe/d (\sim 74% liquids)

Permian Basin

4 rigs drilling vertical Wolfberry wells

Drilled 68 wells YTD 2013 and have reduced costs by ~15%

Potential for horizontal Wolfcamp and Spraberry

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Expect to participate in 4 non-operated horizontal Wolfcamp wells beginning in Q4

Expect to spud 1 operated horizontal Wolfcamp well in late 2013 or early 2014 Jonah Field

2 rigs drilling in the region

Expect to participate in 19 operated and non-operated wells, with an additional 24 wells expected to be drilling or awaiting completion by year-end

Hugoton Field

Commenced 1-rig drilling program in Q2 13

~400 potential drilling locations and plan to drill ~80 wells next year

Identified a significant number of locations to sustain program for the next ~5 years

LinnCo Structure Advantages 9 Shareholders receive Form 1099 rather than a Schedule K-1 No state income tax filing requirements No UBTI

(1) implications Reduces Tax Reporting Burdens Estimated tax at LinnCo (2) o \$0.00 per share for 2013 \$0.01 per share for 2014 \$0.07 per share for 2015 Efficient Tax Structure (1) Unrelated business taxable income. Includes pending Berry merger and assumes current strip prices and estimated capital spending. Simple & Fair Structure 1 LinnCo share = 1 vote of LINN unit

Similar economic interest

LinnCo Structure

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LINE

Unitholders

LLC

Units

LNCO

Shareholders LinnCo Common Shares Current distribution of \$2.90 / unit (1) Schedule K-1 (partnership) LINE LNCO Current dividend of \$2.90 / share (2) Form 1099 (C-Corp.) LLC Units Investors now have the ability to own LINN Energy two ways: LINE (Partnership for tax purposes / K-1) LNCO (C-Corp. for tax purposes / 1099) Tax liability to LinnCo on LINN Energy s distribution estimated to be \$0.00, \$0.01 and \$0.07 per share for 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively (3) \$2.90 Distribution \$2.90 Distribution \$2.90 Dividend

(1)

Represents the current annualized cash distribution of \$2.90 per unit. (2) Represents the current annualized cash dividend of \$2.90 per share. (3) Includes pending Berry merger and assumes current strip prices and

estimated capital spending. LINN Energy, LLC

LINN Has Created an Acquisition Machine Screened 189 opportunities Bid 41 for ~\$10.1 billion Closed 13 for ~\$1.4 billion

Screened 122 opportunities Bid 31 for ~\$7.5 billion Closed 12 for ~\$1.5 billion (1) Business Development data as of November 1, 2013. (2) Includes pending Berry transaction, with an implied value of ~\$4.9 billion as of November 4, 2013. Historical Acquisitions and Joint Venture 11 Screened 246 opportunities Bid 20 for ~\$9.2 billion Closed 7 for ~\$2.9 billion 2010 2011 2012 YTD 2013 (1)(2)Screened 223 opportunities Bid 10 for ~\$7.9 billion Closed or announced 3 for ~\$5.5 billion Note: Asset Acquisitions

based on total consideration.

Growth Through Accretive Acquisitions Value of Acquisitions Per Year

(1)

12

~\$15 billion of acquisitions in the Company s history Includes 60 separate transactions

(1)

(1) Includes pending Berry transaction and 15 acquisitions comprising the Appalachian Basin properties sold in July 2008.

Includes pending Berry transaction, with an implied value of ~\$4.9 billion as of November 4, 2013.

Natural Gas Positions
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LINN is hedged ~100% on expected natural gas production through 2017; and ~100% on expected oil production through 2016
Puts provide price upside opportunity
Oil Positions
Significant Hedge Position

Edgar Filing: BERRY PETROLEUM CO - Form 425 (Does Not Include Pending Berry Transaction) Note: Except as otherwise indicated, illustrations represent full-year hedge positions as of September 30, 2013. (1) Represents the period October-December 2013. (2) Excludes natural gas puts used indirectly hedge NGL revenues. (3) Calculated as percentage of hedged volume in the form of puts. (4) Includes certain outstanding fixed price oil swaps of approximately 5,384 **MBbls** which may be

extended annually at prices

of \$100.00 per Bbl for each of the years ending December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2018, and \$90.00 per Bbl for the year ending December 31, 2019, if the counterparties determine that the strike prices are in-the-money on a designated date in each respective preceding

year. The extension for

each

year is

exercisable

without

respect

to

the

other

years.

C-Corp. Peers

% Hedged

(1)

(1)

Note: LINN s hedge percentages based on internal estimates. Excludes NGL production and natural gas puts used to hedge N Source: Production estimates based on Bloomberg consensus, and hedge information based on publicly available sources.

Represents simple average and peer group includes: CLR, FST, XEC, KWK, NFX, PXD, PXP, RRC, SWN and WLL.

(2)
Represents simple average and peer group includes: BBEP, EVEP, LGCY, LRE, MEMP, MCEP, PSE, QRE and VNR.
LINN s cash flow is notably more protected from oil and natural gas price
uncertainty than its C-Corp. and Upstream MLP / LLC peers
Significant Hedge Position (Equivalent Basis)
(Does Not Include Pending Berry Transaction)
% Swaps
% Puts
14
Upstream MLP / LLC
Peers % Hedged
(2)

0.40

0.43

0.52

0.52

0.57

0.57

0.63

0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.63 0.66 0.66 0.66 0.69 0.69 0.69 0.73 0.73 0.73 0.73 0.73 0.73 0.73 \$0.40 \$0.80 \$1.23 \$1.75 \$2.27 \$2.84 \$3.41 \$4.04 \$4.67 \$5.30 \$5.93 \$6.56 \$7.19 \$7.82 \$8.45 \$9.08 \$9.71 \$10.34 \$11.00 \$11.66 \$12.32 \$13.01

\$13.70 \$14.39 \$15.12 \$15.84 \$16.57

\$17.29 \$18.02 \$18.74 \$19.47 \$-\$2.00 \$4.00 \$6.00 \$8.00 \$10.00 \$12.00 \$14.00 \$16.00 \$18.00 \$20.00 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Distribution History **Distribution History** 15 Quarterly Distribution

Cumulative Distribution

2012 2013

Consistently paid distribution for 31 quarters 81% increase in quarterly distribution since January 2006 IPO (1) (1) The Q1 2006 distribution, adjusted for the partial period from the Company's closing of the IPO on January 19, 2006 through 12006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 (1)

Note: Market data as of November 4, 2013 (LINE closing price of \$31.80). Source: Bloomberg.

LINN Total Return and Unit Price Appreciation (LINE IPO

Present of ~201%)

LINN Historical Return

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 \sim 62%

~82%

- ~51% ~206% ~201% (50%) 0%50% 100% 150% 200% 250% 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 LINE Total Return (TR)
- LINE Price Appreciation Alerian MLP TR Index S&P Mid-Cap E&P TR Index S&P 500 TR Index

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E&P MLP /
LLC
5%
All Others
95%
17
Size Advantage in E&P MLP/LLC Market
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LINN has a significant size advantage in

the E&P MLP / LLC market

E&P market presents significantly more acquisition opportunities than rest of MLP

market

E&P sector has room to grow; \$40 billion versus \$766 billion for all other sectors

LINE vs. Other Upstream MLPs MLP / LLC Total EV: \$806 Billion

\$40

Billion

\$766

Billion

Note: Market data as of November 4, 2013 (LINE closing price of \$31.80). Source: Bloomberg and FactSet.

(1)

Pro forma for pending Berry transaction, which remains subject to closing conditions, including shareholder and unitholder appropriate access to capital markets

Ability to complete larger transactions

LINN Energy s mission is to **acquire**, develop and maximize cash flow from a growing portfolio of long-life oil and natural gas assets.

19 Capital Structure (9/30/13) (\$ in millions) (1) Pro forma for

the East Goldsmith Field acquisition, which closed on October 31. LINN Berry Credit facility (1) \$1,733 Credit facility \$636 Term loan due 2018 (1) 500 Senior notes: Senior notes: 6.50% Senior notes due 2019 750 10.25% Senior notes due 2014 205 6.25% Senior notes due 2019 1,800 6.75% Senior notes due 2020 300 8.625% Senior notes due 2020 1,300 6.375% Senior notes due 2022 600 7.75% Senior notes due 2021 1,000 1,105 4,850 Total debt \$7,083 Total debt \$1,741 Credit facility note amount \$4,000 Credit facility note amount \$1,200 Less: outstanding borrowings + LCs (1,738)Less: outstanding borrowings + LCs

(663)

Undrawn capacity \$2,262 Undrawn capacity \$537 Debt Summary Debt Summary Liquidity Liquidity

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Proved Reserves

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to LINN s proved reserves for the year ended December 31, 2012, calculated on the basis required by SEC rules:

Region

Proved

Reserves
(Bcfe)
% Natural
Gas
% Proved
Developed
Mid-Continent
1,648
51%
59%
Hugoton Basin
1,010
56%
85%
Green River Basin
1,017
72%
43%
Permian Basin
403
19%
56%
Michigan/Illinois
266
97%
94%
California
181
8%
96%
Williston/Powder River
Basin
189
8%
66%
East Texas
82
82%
100%
Total
4,796
54%
65%

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

permits oil and gas companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only resources that qualify as "reserves" as defined by SEC rules. We use terms describing hydrocarbon quantities in this presentation including inventory and resource potential that the SEC s guidelines prohibit us from including in filings

with the

SEC. These estimates are by their nature more speculative than estimates of reserves prepared in accordance with **SEC** definitions and guidelines and accordingly are substantially less certain. Investors are urged to consider closely the reserves disclosures in LINN Energy s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

year ended December

31,

2012, available from LINN Energy at 600 Travis, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77002 (Attn: Investor Relations). You can also obtain this report from the SEC by calling 1-800-SEC-0330 or from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In this communication, the terms other than proved reserves refer to the Company's internal estimates

of

hydrocarbon

volumes

that

may

be

potentially

discovered

through

exploratory

drilling

or

recovered

with

additional

drilling

or

recovery

techniques.

Those

estimates

may

be

based

on

economic

assumptions

with

regard

to

commodity

prices

that

may

differ

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prices

required

by

the

SEC

to

be

used

in

calculating

proved

reserves.

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hydrocarbon volumes may not constitute reserves within the meaning of the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Petroleum Resource Management System or the SEC s oil and gas disclosure rules. Unless otherwise stated, hydrocarbon volume estimates have not been risked by Company management. Factors affecting ultimate recovery include the scope of

addition, these

ongoing drilling program, which will be directly affected by the availability of capital, drilling and production costs, commodity prices, availability of drilling services and equipment, drilling results, lease expirations, transportation constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors, and actual drilling results, including geological and

mechanical factors affecting recovery rates.

Accordingly,

our

actual quantities that may be ultimately recovered from the Company's interests may differ substantially from the Company s estimates of potential resources. In addition, our estimates of reserves may change

significantly

development

Company's resource plays and prospects provide additional data.

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Additional Information about the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transactions, LINN and LinnCo have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-187484) that includes a joint proxy statement of LinnCo, LINN and Berry that also constitutes a prospectus of LINN and LinnCo. Each of Berry, LINN and LinnCo also plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transactions. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed by Berry, LINN and LinnCo with the SEC at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain these documents by contacting LINN s and LinnCo s Investor Relations department at (281) 840-4193 or via e-mail at ir@linnenergy.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

LinnCo, LINN and Berry and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions. Information about LinnCo and LINN s directors and executive officers is available in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 relating to the merger. Information about Berry s directors and executive officers is available in Berry s Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2012, dated April 30, 2013. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed transactions when they become available. Investors should read the joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from Berry, LINN or LinnCo using the sources indicated above.

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