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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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## FORM 10-Q

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-36503

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## Foresight Energy LP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

211 North Broadway, Suite 2600, Saint Louis, MO  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80-0778894  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

63102  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 932-6160

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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, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth 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) Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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 6, 2017, the registrant had 77,644,489 common units and 64,954,691 subordinated units outstanding.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Item 1. Financial Statements.

**Foresight Energy LP**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(In Thousands)

	(Successor) September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) December 31, 2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,899	\$ 103,690
Accounts receivable	25,760	54,905
Due from affiliates	13,145	16,891
Financing receivables - affiliate	3,078	2,904
Inventories, net	75,135	43,052
Prepaid royalties	—	3,136
Deferred longwall costs	5,374	13,310
Coal derivative assets	—	7,650
Other prepaid expenses and current assets	19,046	21,443
Contract-based intangibles	16,174	—
Total current assets	182,611	266,981
Property, plant, equipment and development, net	2,436,279	1,318,937
Due from affiliates	947	1,843
Financing receivables - affiliate	64,904	67,235
Prepaid royalties, net	834	13,765
Other assets	16,653	20,250
Contract-based intangibles	4,741	—
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,706,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,011</u>
<b>Liabilities and partners' capital (deficit)</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	\$ 60,867	\$ 368,993
Current portion of sale-leaseback financing arrangements	4,062	1,372
Accrued interest	26,942	29,760
Accounts payable	67,713	60,971
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	54,447	43,592
Asset retirement obligations	8,167	7,273
Due to affiliates	10,028	20,904
Contract-based intangibles	27,985	—
Total current liabilities	260,211	532,865
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations	1,274,343	1,022,070
Sale-leaseback financing arrangements	196,816	190,497
Asset retirement obligations	37,579	37,644
Warrant liability	—	51,169
Other long-term liabilities	46,247	9,359
Contract-based intangibles	145,822	—
Total liabilities	1,961,018	1,843,604
Limited partners' capital (deficit):		
Common unitholders (77,644 and 66,105 units outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	459,349	100,628
Subordinated unitholder (64,955 units outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016)	286,602	(255,221)
Total partners' capital (deficit)	745,951	(154,593)
Total liabilities and partners' capital (deficit)	<u>\$ 2,706,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,011</u>

See accompanying notes.

**Foresight Energy LP**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In Thousands, Except per Unit Data)

	(Successor)	(Predecessor)	(Successor)	(Predecessor)	(Predecessor)
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
<b>Revenues</b>					
Coal sales	\$ 229,670	\$ 228,472	\$ 434,186	\$ 227,813	\$ 615,662
Other revenues	2,770	2,353	5,347	2,581	7,249
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>232,440</b>	<b>230,825</b>	<b>439,533</b>	<b>230,394</b>	<b>622,911</b>
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>					
Cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization)	122,839	110,311	228,629	117,762	311,557
Cost of coal purchased	—	183	—	7,973	733
Transportation	39,414	33,324	67,672	37,726	96,679
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	53,754	43,637	103,291	39,298	125,521
Contract amortization	(15,611)	—	(6,878)	—	—
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	726	844	1,454	710	2,532
Selling, general and administrative	7,858	7,340	15,135	6,554	18,648
Transition and reorganization costs	—	—	—	—	6,889
Loss on commodity derivative contracts	1,101	5,987	2,218	1,492	17,270
Other operating (income) expense, net	(48)	(2,215)	(13,538)	451	(2,124)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>22,407</b>	<b>31,414</b>	<b>41,550</b>	<b>18,428</b>	<b>45,206</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>					
Interest expense, net	35,988	37,939	71,408	43,380	105,269
Debt restructuring costs	—	6,072	—	—	21,702
Change in fair value of warrants	—	(1,452)	—	(9,278)	(1,452)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	13,186	—	95,510	13,294
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>(13,581)</b>	<b>(24,331)</b>	<b>(29,858)</b>	<b>(111,184)</b>	<b>(93,607)</b>
Less: net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	(45)	—	—	169
<b>Net loss attributable to controlling interests</b>	<b>\$ (13,581)</b>	<b>\$ (24,286)</b>	<b>\$ (29,858)</b>	<b>\$ (111,184)</b>	<b>\$ (93,776)</b>
<b>Net loss available to limited partner units - basic and diluted:</b>					
Common unitholders	\$ (5,097)	\$ (12,249)	\$ (13,887)	\$ (56,259)	\$ (47,135)
Subordinated unitholder	\$ (8,484)	\$ (12,037)	\$ (15,971)	\$ (54,925)	\$ (46,641)
<b>Net loss per limited partner unit - basic and diluted:</b>					
Common unitholders	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.72)
Subordinated unitholder	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.72)
<b>Weighted average limited partner units outstanding - basic and diluted:</b>					
Common units	77,510	66,098	76,893	66,533	65,737
Subordinated units	64,955	64,955	64,955	64,955	64,955
<b>Distributions declared per limited partner unit</b>	<b>\$ 0.0647</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 0.0647</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

See accompanying notes.

**Foresight Energy LP**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Partners' Capital**  
(In Thousands, Except per Unit Data)

	<b>Limited Partners</b>				<b>Total Partners' Capital (Deficit)</b>
	<b>Common Unitholders</b>	<b>Number of Common Units</b>	<b>Subordinated Unitholder</b>	<b>Number of Subordinated Units</b>	
Predecessor balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 100,628	66,104,673	\$ (255,221)	64,954,691	\$ (154,593)
Net loss attributable to predecessor	(56,259)	—	(54,925)	—	(111,184)
Issuance of common units to Murray Energy (affiliate)	60,586	9,628,108	—	—	60,586
Reclassification of warrants	41,888	—	—	—	41,888
Equity-based compensation	318	—	—	—	318
Issuance of equity-based awards	—	235	—	—	—
Predecessor balance at March 31, 2017	147,161	75,733,016	(310,146)	64,954,691	(162,985)
Pushdown accounting adjustment	449,308	—	714,170	—	1,163,478
Successor balance at March 31, 2017	596,469	75,733,016	404,024	64,954,691	1,000,493
Net loss attributable to successor	(13,887)	—	(15,971)	—	(29,858)
Cash distributions	(5,026)	—	—	—	(5,026)
Pushdown accounting adjustment	(118,285)	—	(101,451)	—	(219,736)
Conversion of warrants, net	—	1,770,343	—	—	—
Equity-based compensation	439	—	—	—	439
Issuance of equity-based awards	—	141,130	—	—	—
Net settlement of withholding taxes on issued LTIP awards	(361)	—	—	—	(361)
Successor balance at September 30, 2017	<u>\$ 459,349</u>	<u>77,644,489</u>	<u>\$ 286,602</u>	<u>64,954,691</u>	<u>\$ 745,951</u>

See accompanying notes.

**Foresight Energy LP**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(In Thousands)

	(Successor) Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	(Predecessor) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net loss	\$ (29,858)	\$ (111,184)	\$ (93,607)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	103,291	39,298	125,521
Amortization of debt discount and deferred issuance costs	1,273	6,365	—
Contract amortization	(6,878)	—	—
Equity-based compensation	439	318	4,711
Loss on commodity derivative contracts	2,218	1,492	17,270
Settlements of commodity derivative contracts	320	3,724	13,112
Realized gains on coal derivatives included in investing activities	—	(3,520)	—
Transition and reorganization expenses paid by Foresight Reserves	—	—	2,333
Current period interest expense converted into debt	—	—	31,484
Change in fair value of warrants	—	(9,278)	—
Debt extinguishment expense	—	95,510	11,125
Other	8,915	1,321	9,025
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	9,450	19,695	(3,297)
Due from/to affiliates, net	6,923	(13,157)	8,627
Inventories	(22,159)	(917)	9,737
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(6,331)	(2,375)	(2,549)
Prepaid royalties	6,240	(241)	2,699
Commodity derivative assets and liabilities	266	(532)	2,624
Accounts payable	(582)	7,324	(3,121)
Accrued interest	22,493	(9,803)	3,380
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,188	(3,430)	5,843
Other	1,300	1,782	1,422
Net cash provided by operating activities	98,508	22,392	146,339
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investment in property, plant, equipment and development	(36,960)	(19,908)	(28,031)
Return of investment on financing arrangements with Murray Energy	1,452	705	1,997
Settlement of certain coal derivatives	—	3,520	—
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	—	1,898	—
Other	—	—	2,359
Net cash used in investing activities	(35,508)	(13,785)	(23,675)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Net change in borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	(352,500)	—
Net change in borrowings under A/R securitization program	(10,300)	7,000	(12,200)
Proceeds from other long-term debt	—	1,234,438	—
Payments on debt and capital lease obligations	(23,539)	(970,721)	(34,152)
Proceeds from issuance of common units to Murray Energy	—	60,586	—
Distributions paid	(5,026)	—	(182)
Debt extinguishment costs	—	(57,645)	—
Debt issuance costs paid	—	(27,328)	(15,825)
Other	(3,471)	(1,892)	(996)
Net cash used in financing activities	(42,336)	(108,062)	(63,355)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	20,664	(99,455)	59,309
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	4,235	103,690	17,538
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 24,899	\$ 4,235	\$ 76,847

See accompanying notes.

**Foresight Energy LP**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (CONTINUED)**  
(In Thousands)

	(Successor) Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	(Predecessor) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
<b>Supplemental disclosures of non-cash financing activities:</b>			
Interest converted into debt	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 49,203
Fair value of warrants issued	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 34,045
Non-cash capital contribution from Foresight Reserves LP	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,046
Modifications to capital lease obligations	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 663
Short-term insurance financing and vendor financing	\$ 2,188	\$ —	\$ 603
Reclassification of warrant liability to partners' capital	\$ —	\$ 41,888	\$ —

*See accompanying notes.*



## Foresight Energy LP

### Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 1. Organization, Nature of Business and Basis of Presentation

Foresight Energy LLC (“FELLC”), a perpetual-term Delaware limited liability company, was formed in September 2006 for the development, mining, transportation and sale of coal. Prior to June 23, 2014, Foresight Reserves, LP (“Foresight Reserves”) owned 99.333% of FELLC and a member of FELLC’s management owned 0.667%. On June 23, 2014, in connection with the initial public offering (“IPO”) of Foresight Energy LP (“FELP”), Foresight Reserves and a member of management contributed their ownership interests in FELLC to FELP for which they were issued common and subordinated units in FELP. Because this transaction was between entities under common control, the contributed assets and liabilities of FELLC were recorded in the combined consolidated financial statements of FELP at FELLC’s historical cost. FELP has been managed by Foresight Energy GP LLC (“FEGP”) subsequent to the IPO.

On April 16, 2015, Murray Energy Corporation and its affiliates (“Murray Energy”) and Foresight Reserves completed a transaction whereby Murray Energy acquired a 34% voting interest in FEGP and all of the outstanding subordinated units of FELP, representing a 50% ownership of the Partnership’s limited partner units outstanding at that time. On March 28, 2017, following the completion of a debt refinancing (see Note 8), Murray Energy exercised its option (the “FEGP Option”) to acquire an additional 46% voting interest in FEGP from Foresight Reserves and Michael J. Beyer (“Beyer”) pursuant to the terms of an option agreement, dated April 16, 2015, among Murray Energy, Foresight Reserves and Beyer, as amended, thereby increasing Murray Energy’s voting interest in FEGP to 80%. The aggregate exercise price of the FEGP Option was \$15 million. Murray Energy’s acquisition of the incremental ownership in FEGP resulted in its obtaining control of FELP. Per Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805-50-25-4, Murray Energy, as the acquirer of FELP through FEGP, has the option to apply pushdown accounting in the separate financial statements of the acquiree. Murray Energy elected to adopt pushdown accounting in our stand alone financial statements and therefore we have reflected the required purchase accounting adjustments in our consolidated financial statements (see Note 3).

Also, due to the application of pushdown accounting, our condensed consolidated financial statements and certain footnote disclosures are presented in two distinct periods to indicate the application of two different bases of accounting between the periods presented. The periods prior to the acquisition date are identified as “Predecessor” and the period after the acquisition date is identified as “Successor”. For accounting purposes, management has designated the acquisition date as March 31, 2017 (the “Acquisition Date”), as the operating results and change in financial position for the intervening period was not material.

As used hereafter in this report, the terms “Foresight Energy LP,” “FELP,” the “Partnership,” “we,” “us” or like terms, refer to the consolidated results of Foresight Energy LP and its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, unless the context otherwise requires or where otherwise indicated.

The Partnership operates in a single reportable segment and currently owns four underground mining complexes in the Illinois Basin: Williamson Energy, LLC (“Williamson”); Sugar Camp Energy, LLC (“Sugar Camp”); Hillsboro Energy, LLC (“Hillsboro”); and Macoupin Energy, LLC (“Macoupin”). Mining operations at our Hillsboro complex have been idled since March 2015 due to a combustion event. In April 2016, we temporarily sealed the entire mine to reduce the oxygen flow paths into the mine. In May 2017, we breached the seal and mine rescue teams are currently evaluating and monitoring the mine. We are uncertain as to when production will resume at our Hillsboro operation. Our mined coal is sold to a diverse customer base, including electric utility and industrial companies primarily in the eastern United States, as well as overseas markets.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements contain all significant adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly, the Partnership’s condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented. In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, management used estimates and assumptions that may affect reported amounts and disclosures. To the extent there are material differences between the estimates and actual results, the impact to the Partnership’s financial condition or results of operations could be material. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include footnotes and certain financial information as required annually under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that can be expected for any future period, including the year ending December 31, 2017. Intercompany transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

## 2. New Accounting Standards

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-09, *Compensation – Stock Compensation*, which was issued to simplify the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including income tax consequences, the classification of awards as equity or liabilities, an option to recognize gross equity-based compensation expense with actual forfeitures recognized as they occur and the classification on the statement of cash flows. This pronouncement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We adopted this update during the first quarter of 2017 and it had an immaterial impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB updated guidance regarding the accounting for leases. This update requires lessees to recognize a lease liability and a lease asset for all leases, including operating leases, with a term greater than 12 months on its balance sheet. The update also expands the required quantitative and qualitative disclosures surrounding leases. This update is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within those fiscal years, with earlier application permitted. This update will be applied using a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. We are currently evaluating the effect of this update on our consolidated financial statements.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, *Inventory: Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory*, which simplifies the measurement of inventories valued under most methods. Under this new guidance, inventories valued under these methods would be valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with net realizable value defined as the estimated selling price less reasonable costs to sell the inventory. We adopted this update during the first quarter of 2017 and it did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, that introduces a new five-step revenue recognition model in which an entity should 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 ASU also requires disclosures sufficient to enable users to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers, including qualitative and quantitative disclosures about contracts with customers, significant judgments and changes in judgments, and assets recognized from the costs to obtain or fulfill a contract. We will adopt ASU 2014-09 as of January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective approach. While we have not yet fully completed our review of the impact of the new standard, we do not currently anticipate a material impact on our revenue recognition practices. We are in the process of reviewing the various terms and clauses within our coal sales contracts and are continuing to evaluate the disclosure requirements under this standard as well as additional changes, modifications or interpretations which may impact our current conclusions. While the primary source of revenue is from the sale of coal, we continue to evaluate other revenue streams to assess the impact, if any, related to the adoption of the new standard.

## 3. Pushdown Accounting

Pursuant to the acquisition by Murray Energy of the controlling interest in FEGP, management, with the assistance of a third-party valuation firm, has preliminarily estimated the fair value of FELP’s assets and liabilities as of the Acquisition Date. Given that the valuation being performed by the third-party valuation firm is not yet complete, the value of certain assets and liabilities are preliminary in nature and will be adjusted as additional analysis is performed and as additional information is obtained about the facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date. As a result, material adjustments to this allocation may occur as the valuation and the related pushdown accounting is finalized (such finalization to be completed within one year of the Acquisition Date, per the terms of ASC 805-50-25-4). Adjustments to the fair value of FELP’s asset and liabilities as of the Acquisition Date will be recorded during the period in which the adjustment is determined, including the effect on earnings of any amounts we would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the Acquisition Date (i.e. the historical reported financial statements will not be retrospectively adjusted). During the three months ended September 30, 2017, changes to the estimated fair value of FELP’s assets and liabilities, specifically increases in the estimated fair value of inventories, decreases in the estimated fair value of favorable contract-based intangibles, and decreases the estimated fair value of mineral rights, land and land rights, resulted in an increase of \$4.3 million in cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion, and amortization), a decrease of \$16.4 million in contract amortization, and a decrease of \$1.2 million in depreciation, depletion, and amortization that would have been recognized in the three months ended June 30, 2017, if the adjustments to provisional amounts had been recognized as of the Acquisition Date.

The preliminary fair value of our mineral rights, which are controlled through private coal leases, were established utilizing discounted cash flow (“DCF”) models. The DCF models were based on assumptions market participants would use in the pricing of these assets as well as projections of revenues and expenditures that would be incurred to mine or maintain these coal reserves through the life of mine. Our DCF models assume that the combustion event at our Hillsboro mine will subside and that production will resume at this mine. The tax-effected discount rates utilized in the DCF models ranged from 11.5% to 15.5% and the future cash flows were based on our forecast models, which included a variety of estimates and assumptions, such as pricing and demand for coal and expected

future capital expenditures. Coal pricing was based principally on third-party forward pricing curves, adjusted for the quality and expected sales point of our coal.

The preliminary fair value of plant and equipment was established with the assistance of a third-party valuation firm utilizing both market and cost approaches. The market approach was used to estimate the value of assets where detailed product specification data and maintenance history for the asset was available and an active market was identified for comparable property. The cost approach was utilized where there were limitations in the secondary equipment market. Under the cost approach, an estimate of the replacement cost of the asset was made adjusting for depreciation due to physical deterioration and also contemplated functional and economic obsolescence, where appropriate. Useful lives were assigned to all assets based on remaining future economic benefit of each asset.

The carrying values of certain of FELP's assets and liabilities in this preliminary estimate were assumed to approximate their fair values.

The preliminary net purchase accounting adjustments to record the assets and liabilities of FELP to fair value as of the Acquisition Date resulted in a \$944 million net increase to net assets, and was comprised of the following preliminary adjustments from carrying value as of the Acquisition Date (in thousands):

Working capital and certain other long-term asset accounts <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	(29,995)
Mineral rights, land and land rights <sup>(2)</sup>		1,474,693
Plant, equipment and development <sup>(2)</sup>		(261,739)
Contract-based intangibles, net		(159,769)
Deferred debt issuance costs		(33,879)
Sales-leaseback financing arrangements		(9,267)
Long-term liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>		(36,302)
Pushdown accounting adjustment	\$	<u>943,742</u>

(1) – Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities include liabilities of \$16.9 million and \$38.9 million, respectively, for certain royalty and transportation executory contracts under which we have contractual future minimum required payments but we do not expect to receive any future economic benefits.

(2) – The development costs of the mine were reduced to zero as part of the fair value adjustment and the corresponding value of mineral rights assets were increased to reflect the future cash flows that the developed mines are expected to generate. As a result, the value of the plant, equipment and development asset category decreased significantly and the value of the mineral rights category increased significantly.

The following table presents each major class of intangible assets preliminarily identified as of the Acquisition Date (in thousands):

Unfavorable sales contracts, net	\$	(9,214)
Unfavorable royalty agreements		(150,555)
Total contract-based intangibles, net	\$	<u>(159,769)</u>

The fair values of unfavorable sales contracts, net and unfavorable royalty agreements were determined using a DCF model based on the difference between estimated market rates and actual contract rates for each of the respective contracts. The favorable and unfavorable sales contract assets and liabilities will be amortized into contract amortization in the consolidated statement of operations on a per ton basis as the coal is sold throughout the term of each individual sales contract. The unfavorable royalty agreement liabilities will be amortized into contract amortization in the consolidated statement of operations over a weighted average period of 17.2 years.

#### 4. Commodity Derivative Contracts

The Partnership has commodity price risk for its coal sales as a result of changes in the market value of its coal. To minimize this risk, we enter into fixed price coal supply sales agreements and coal derivative swap contracts.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had outstanding coal derivative swap contracts to fix the selling price on 0.1 million tons and 0.5 million tons, respectively. Swaps are designed so that the Partnership receives or makes payments based on a differential between fixed and variable prices for coal. The coal derivative contracts are economic hedges to certain future unpriced (indexed) sales commitments through 2017. The coal derivative contracts are indexed to the Argus API 2 price index, the benchmark price for coal imported into northwest Europe. The coal derivative contracts are accounted for as freestanding derivatives and any gains or losses resulting from adjusting these contracts to fair value are recorded into earnings. We record the fair value of all positions with a given counterparty on a gross basis in the condensed consolidated balance sheets (see Note 11).

We have master netting agreements with all of our counterparties that allow for the settlement of contracts in an asset position with contracts in a liability position in the event of default. We manage counterparty risk through the utilization of investment grade commercial banks, diversification of counterparties and our counterparty netting arrangements.

We received \$3.5 million in proceeds during the predecessor period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 from the settlement of derivatives that were reclassified from an operating cash flow activity to an investing activity in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows because the derivative contracts were settled prior to the expiration of their contractual maturities and prior to the delivery date of the underlying sales contracts.

## 5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	<b>(Successor) September 30, 2017</b>	<b>(Predecessor) December 31, 2016</b>
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 22,857	\$ 42,862
Other receivables	2,903	12,043
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$ 25,760</u>	<u>\$ 54,905</u>

## 6. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	<b>(Successor) September 30, 2017</b>	<b>(Predecessor) December 31, 2016</b>
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Parts and supplies	\$ 17,698	\$ 18,712
Raw coal	9,325	4,907
Clean coal	48,112	19,433
Total inventories	<u>\$ 75,135</u>	<u>\$ 43,052</u>

## 7. Property, Plant, Equipment and Development, Net

Property, plant, equipment and development, net consist of the following:

	<b>(Successor) September 30, 2017</b>	<b>(Predecessor) December 31, 2016</b>
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Mineral rights, land and land rights	\$ 1,571,573	\$ 99,909
Plant, equipment and development	975,745	2,318,697
Total property, plant, equipment and development	2,547,318	2,418,606
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(111,039)	(1,099,669)
Property, plant, equipment and development, net	<u>\$ 2,436,279</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,937</u>

In conjunction with pushdown accounting, property, plant, equipment and development was measured at fair value as of the Acquisition Date, which also impacted how value was assigned between the categories within property, plant, equipment and development (see Note 3).

## 8. Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations

Long-term debt and capital lease obligations consist of the following:

	(Successor) September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) December 31, 2016
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Prior Second Lien Notes	\$ —	\$ 349,100
2017 Exchangeable PIK Notes	—	299,859
Prior Revolving Credit Facility (\$450.0 million capacity)	—	352,500
Prior Term Loan due 2020	—	295,667
2023 Second Lien Notes	425,000	—
New Term Loan due 2022	820,875	—
Revolving Credit Facility (\$170.0 million capacity)	—	—
Trade A/R Securitization	10,900	14,200
5.78% longwall financing arrangement	33,615	39,217
5.555% longwall financing arrangement	30,938	41,250
Capital lease obligations	28,146	41,457
Subtotal - Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations principal outstanding	1,349,474	1,433,250
Unamortized deferred financing costs and debt discounts	(14,264)	(42,187)
Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations	1,335,210	1,391,063
Less: current portion	(60,867)	(368,993)
Non-current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	<u>\$ 1,274,343</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,070</u>

On March 27, 2017, Murray Energy contributed \$60.6 million in cash (the “Murray Investment”) to FELP in exchange for 9.6 million common units of FELP. The cash was utilized to redeem, pursuant to an equity claw redemption provision, \$54.5 million of the then outstanding Second Lien Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (the “Prior Second Lien Notes”) at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

On March 28, 2017 (the “Closing Date”), FELP, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries Foresight Energy LLC (the “Borrower” or “FELLC”) and Foresight Energy Finance Corporation (the “Co-Issuer” and together with FELLC, the “Issuers”) and certain of the Issuers’ subsidiaries, completed a series of transactions to refinance certain previously outstanding indebtedness (the “Refinancing Transactions”). The new debt issued was as follows:

- the Issuers issued \$425.0 million aggregate principal amount of Second Lien Senior Secured Notes due 2023 (the “2023 Second Lien Notes”) and
- the Borrower entered into a new credit agreement (the “New Credit Agreement”) providing for new senior secured first-priority credit facilities (the “New Credit Facilities”) consisting of a new senior secured first-priority \$825.0 million term loan with a five-year maturity (the “New Term Loan”) and a new senior secured first-priority \$170.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity of four years, including both a letter of credit sub-facility and a swing-line loan sub-facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”).

We incurred third-party professional fees totaling \$27.3 million related to the new indebtedness.

The Partnership retired the following indebtedness in the Refinancing Transactions:

- the remaining Prior Second Lien Notes at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest;
- the Second Lien Senior Secured Exchangeable PIK Notes due 2017 (the “2017 Exchangeable PIK Notes”) at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest; and
- the Partnership’s outstanding credit facilities (the “Prior Credit Facilities”), including the revolving credit facility (the “Prior Revolving Credit Facility”) and the term loan (the “Prior Term Loan”), including, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest.

As a result of the Refinancing Transactions, a loss on the early extinguishment of debt of \$95.5 million was recognized during the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 for the incurrence of \$57.6 million in make-whole/equity-claw premiums and other cash costs to retire the Prior Second Lien Notes early and the write-off of \$37.9 million of unamortized debt discounts and debt issuance costs related to the retired indebtedness.

### *Description of the New Credit Facilities*

On the Closing Date, the Borrower entered into a New Credit Agreement providing for new senior secured first-priority credit facilities consisting of a new senior secured first-priority \$825.0 million term loan with a maturity of five years and a new senior secured first-priority \$170.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity of four years, including both a letter of credit sub-facility and a swing-line loan sub-facility. The New Term Loan was issued at an initial discount of \$12.4 million, which is being amortized using the effective interest method over the term of the loan. Amounts outstanding under the New Credit Facilities bear interest as follows:

- in the case of the New Term Loan, at the Borrower's option, at (a) LIBOR (subject to a LIBOR floor of 1.00%) plus 5.75% per annum; or (b) a base rate plus 4.75% per annum; and
- in the case of borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, at the Borrower's option, at (a) LIBOR (subject to a floor of zero) plus an applicable margin ranging from 5.25% to 5.50% per annum or (b) a base rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 4.25% to 4.50% per annum, in each case, such applicable margins to be determined based on our net first lien secured leverage ratio.

In addition to paying interest on the outstanding principal under the New Credit Facilities, we are required to pay a quarterly commitment fee with respect to the unused portions of our Revolving Credit Facility and customary letter of credit fees. The New Credit Facilities require scheduled quarterly amortization payments on the New Term Loan in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.0% of the original principal amount of the New Term Loan, with the balance to be paid at maturity.

The New Credit Facilities also require us to prepay outstanding borrowings, subject to certain exceptions, with:

- 75% (which will be reduced to 50%, 25% and 0% based on satisfaction of specified net secured leverage ratio tests) of our annual excess cash flow, as defined under the New Credit Facilities;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of non-ordinary course asset sales and other dispositions of property, in each case subject to certain exceptions and customary reinvestment rights;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of insurance (other than insurance proceeds relating to the Deer Run mine), in each case subject to certain exceptions and customary reinvestment rights; and
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of any issuance or incurrence of debt, other than proceeds from debt permitted under the New Credit Facilities.

We may voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the New Credit Facilities at any time, without prepayment premium or penalty, except in connection with a repricing transaction in respect of the New Term Loan, in each case subject to customary "breakage" costs with respect to Eurodollar Rate loans. All obligations under the New Credit Facilities are guaranteed by FELP on a limited recourse basis (where recourse is limited to its pledge of stock of the Borrower) and are or will be unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior secured first-priority basis by each of the Borrower's existing and future direct and indirect, wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries (which do not currently include Hillsboro Energy LLC), subject to certain exceptions.

The New Credit Facilities require that we comply on a quarterly basis with a maximum net first lien secured leverage ratio of 3.75:1.00, stepping down by 0.25x in each of the first quarters of 2019 and 2021, which financial covenant is solely for the benefit of the lenders under the Revolving Credit Facility. The New Credit Facilities also contain certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including relating to a change of control.

As of September 30, 2017, we had no borrowings outstanding under our Revolving Credit Facility, and available borrowing capacity under the Revolving Credit Facility, net of outstanding letters of credit of \$11.5 million, was \$158.5 million.

### *Description of the 2023 Second Lien Notes*

On the Closing Date, the Issuers issued \$425.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2023 Second Lien Notes pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture"), dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Issuers, the guarantors party thereto and the trustee. The 2023 Second Lien Notes have a maturity date of April 1, 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 11.50% per annum, payable in cash semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 (commencing on October 1, 2017). The 2023 Second Lien Notes were issued at an initial discount of \$3.2 million, which is being amortized using the effective interest method over the term of 2023 Second Lien Notes. The obligations under the 2023 Second Lien Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior secured second-priority basis by each of the wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries of the Issuers that guarantee the New Credit Facilities (which do not include Hillsboro Energy LLC). The Indenture contains certain usual and customary negative covenants and events of default, including related to a change in control.

Prior to April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem the 2023 Second Lien Notes in whole or in part at a price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus the applicable “make-whole” premium. In addition, prior to April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes at a price equal to 111.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed with the proceeds from a qualified equity offering, subject to at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes remaining outstanding after giving effect to any such redemption. On or after April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem the Notes at a price equal to: (i) 105.750% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed prior to April 1, 2021; (ii) 102.875% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed on or after April 1, 2021 but prior to April 1, 2022; and (iii) 100.000% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed thereafter.

## **9. Related-Party Transactions**

### *Overview*

Affiliated entities of FELP principally include: (a) Murray Energy, owner of a 80% interest in our general partner (effective March 28, 2017) and owner of all of the outstanding subordinated limited partner units, (b) Entities owned and controlled by Chris Cline, the former majority owner and former chairman of our general partner and (c) through May 9, 2017, Natural Resource Partners LP (“NRP”) and its affiliates, for which Chris Cline directly and indirectly beneficially owned a 31% and 4% interest in the general and limited partner interests of NRP, respectively. On May 9, 2017, the affiliate owned by Chris Cline sold its holdings in NRP’s general partner. As a result, NRP and its affiliates were not treated as related parties after May 9, 2017. We routinely engage in transactions in the normal course of business with Murray Energy and its subsidiaries, NRP and its subsidiaries and Foresight Reserves and its affiliates. These transactions include, among others, production royalties, transportation services, administrative arrangements, coal handling and storage services, supply agreements, service agreements, land leases and sale-leaseback financing arrangements. We also acquire mining equipment from subsidiaries of Murray Energy.

### *Murray Investments*

In April 2015, Foresight Reserves and Murray Energy executed a purchase and sale agreement whereby Murray Energy paid Foresight Reserves \$1.37 billion to acquire a 34% voting interest in FEGP, 77.5% of FELP’s incentive distribution rights (“IDR”) and nearly 50% of the outstanding limited partner units in FELP, including all of the outstanding subordinated units. On March 27, 2017, Murray Energy contributed \$60.6 million in cash (the “Murray Investment”) to us in exchange for 9,628,108 common units of FELP. On March 28, 2017, following completion of the Refinancing Transactions, Murray Energy exercised its FEGP Option to acquire an additional 46% voting interest in FEGP from Foresight Reserves and Beyer pursuant to the terms of an option agreement, dated April 16, 2015, among Murray Energy, Reserves and Beyer, as amended, thereby increasing Murray Energy’s voting interest in FEGP to 80%. The aggregate exercise price of the FEGP Option was \$15 million. FEGP has continued to govern the Partnership subsequent to this transaction. Murray Energy was also a holder of 17,556 of FELP’s outstanding warrants. All outstanding warrants held by Murray Energy were exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Following the exercise of the FEGP Option, certain changes to the operating agreement of FEGP went into effect, pursuant to which Murray Energy is entitled to appoint a majority of the board of directors of FEGP (the “Board”). On March 28, 2017, Chris Cline resigned from the Board and from his role as Principal Strategy Advisor. In connection with the departure of Mr. Cline, Robert D. Moore now serves as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Robert Edward Murray became a member of the Board. Mr. Murray currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Marketing and Sales at Murray Energy. All members of the Board, other than Paul Vining, are deemed appointed by Murray Energy and can be removed and replaced by Murray Energy at its sole discretion.

### *Murray Energy Management Services Agreement*

In April 2015, a management services agreement (“MSA”) was executed between FEGP and Murray American Coal, Inc. (the “Manager”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Murray Energy, pursuant to which the Manager provided certain management and administration services to FELP for a quarterly fee of \$3.5 million (\$14.0 million on an annual basis), subject to contractual adjustments. To the extent that FELP or FEGP directly incurs costs for any services covered under the MSA, then the Manager’s quarterly fee is reduced accordingly. Also, to the extent that the Manager utilizes outside service providers to perform any of the services under the MSA, then the Manager is responsible for those outside service provider costs. The initial term of the MSA extends through December 31, 2022 and is subject to termination provisions. Upon the exercise of the FEGP Option, the General Partner entered into an amended and restated MSA pursuant to which the quarterly fee for the Manager to provide certain management and administration services to FELP was increased to \$5.0 million (\$20.0 million on an annual basis) and is subject to future contractual escalations and adjustments. After taking into account the contractual adjustments for direct costs incurred by FELP, the amount of net expense due to the Manager for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$4.0 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, and was \$2.5 million, \$7.7 million and \$7.1 million for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

### *Murray Energy Transport Lease and Overriding Royalty Agreements*

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we recorded other revenues of \$1.7 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, under the transport lease (the “Transport Lease”) with American Energy Corporation (“American Energy”), a subsidiary of Murray Energy, and for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recorded other revenues of \$1.6 million, \$3.5 million and \$4.6 million, respectively. The total remaining minimum payments under the Transport Lease was \$86.6 million at September 30, 2017, with unearned income equal to \$30.1 million. As of September 30, 2017, the outstanding Transport Lease financing receivable was \$56.5 million, of which \$2.9 million was classified as current in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we recorded other revenues of \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, under the overriding royalty agreement (the “ORRA”) with Murray Energy subsidiaries’ American Energy and Consolidated Land Company, and for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recorded other revenues of \$0.8 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. The total remaining minimum payments under the ORRA was \$30.6 million at September 30, 2017, with unearned income equal to \$19.0 million. As of September 30, 2017, the outstanding ORRA financing receivable was \$11.5 million, of which \$0.2 million was classified as current in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

### *Other Murray Energy Transactions*

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we purchased \$2.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, in equipment, supplies and rebuild services from affiliates of Murray Energy, and for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we purchased \$2.1 million, \$5.9 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we provided \$0 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, in equipment, supplies and rebuild services to affiliates of Murray Energy. We provided equipment, supplies and rebuild services to affiliates of Murray Energy of \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

From time to time, we purchase and sell coal to Murray Energy and its affiliates to, among other things, meet customer contractual obligations. We also sell coal to Javelin Global Commodities Limited (“Javelin”), an international commodities marketing and trading joint venture owned by Murray Energy, Uniper; and management of Javelin, as our primary outlet for export sales. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we purchased \$0 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, of coal from Murray Energy and its affiliates and we sold \$64.4 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, of coal to Murray Energy and its affiliates, including Javelin. For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we purchased \$8.0 million, \$0 million, and \$0.7 million, respectively, of coal from Murray Energy and its affiliates and we sold \$60.7 million, \$104.7 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, of coal to Murray Energy and its affiliates, including Javelin.

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we paid Javelin \$1.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in transportation costs related to certain export sales. For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we paid Javelin \$0.5 million, \$1.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in transportation costs related to certain export sales.



During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we also paid Javelin \$0.8 million and \$0 million, respectively, in sales commissions. For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we paid Javelin commissions of \$0.7 million, \$1.1 million and \$0 million, respectively.

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we earned \$0.3 million in other revenues for Murray Energy's usage of our Sitran terminal, and for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, Sitran earned usage fees from Murray Energy of \$0.2 million, \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Murray Energy transports coal under our transportation agreement with a third-party rail company resulting in usage fees owed to the third-party rail company. These usage fees are billed to Murray Energy, resulting in no impact to our condensed consolidated statements of operations. The usage of the railway line with this third-party rail company by Murray Energy counts toward the minimum annual throughput volume requirement with the third-party rail company, thereby reducing the Partnership's exposure to certain contractual liquidated damage charges.

From time to time, we also reimburse Murray Energy for costs paid by them on our behalf, including certain insurance premiums.

#### *Reserves Investor Group*

In connection with the August 2016 debt restructuring transactions (the "August 2016 Restructuring Transactions"), the Reserves Investor Group (as defined below) acquired \$179.9 million of 2017 Exchangeable PIK Notes and \$15.2 million of the Prior Second Lien Notes. The Reserves Investor Group includes Christopher Cline, the four trusts established for the benefit of Mr. Cline's children (the "Cline Trust"), Michael J. Beyer, the former Chief Executive Officer of FEGP, and owner of 0.66% of the voting and 0.225% of the economic interests of FEGP, and certain other limited liability companies owned or controlled by individuals with limited partner interests in Foresight Reserves through indirect ownership. As part of the Refinancing Transactions, the Reserves Investor Group's outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest was repaid consistent with the unaffiliated owners of those debt facilities. The Cline Trust acquired \$20.0 million of 2023 Second Lien Notes and \$10.0 million of the New Term Loan on consistent terms as the unaffiliated owners of these notes. The Cline Trust is also a holder of 17,556 of FELP's outstanding warrants as of September 30, 2017.

#### *Mineral Reserve Leases*

Our mines have a series of mineral reserve leases with Colt, LLC and Ruger, LLC ("Ruger"), subsidiaries of Foresight Reserves. Each of these leases have initial terms of 10 years with six renewal periods of five years each, at the election of the lessees, and generally require the lessees to pay the greater of \$3.40 per ton or 8.0% of the gross sales price, as defined in the respective agreements, of such coal. We also have overriding royalty agreements with Ruger pursuant to which we pay royalties equal to 8.0% of the gross selling prices, as defined in the agreements. Each of these mineral reserve leases generally require a minimum annual royalty payment, which is recoupable only against actual production royalties from future tons mined during the period of ten years following the date on which any such royalty is paid.

We also lease mineral reserves under lease agreements with subsidiaries of NRP, including WPP LLC ("WPP"), HOD LLC ("HOD"), and Independence Energy, LLC ("Independence"). The initial terms of these agreements vary, however, each carries an option by the lessee to extend the leases until all merchantable and mineable coal has been mined and removed. Royalty payments under these arrangements are generally determined based on the greater of a minimum per ton amount (ranging from \$2.50 per ton to \$5.40 per ton) or a percentage of the gross sales price (generally 8.0% - 9.0%), as defined in the respective agreements. We are also subject under certain of these mineral reserve agreements to overriding royalties and/or wheelage fees. Our mineral reserve leases with NRP subsidiaries also require minimum quarterly royalties which are generally recoupable on future tons mined and sold during the preceding five-year period from the excess tonnage royalty payments on a first paid, first recouped basis.

In April 2017, Williamson entered into the eighth amendment to the coal mining lease agreement with WPP which primarily served to, for the remainder of 2017 only, (a) include an overriding royalty payment provision equal to the greater of 5% of the gross selling price of the coal, as defined in the agreement, or \$1.56 per ton, and (b) increase the quarterly minimum deficiency payment from \$2.0 million to \$2.1 million.

In July 2015, we provided notice to WPP declaring a force majeure event at our Hillsboro mine due to elevated carbon monoxide levels as a result of a combustion event, which has required the stoppage of mining operations since March 2015. As a result of the force majeure event, we have not made \$68.5 million in minimum deficiency payments to WPP in accordance with the force majeure provisions of the royalty agreement. WPP is asserting that the stoppage of mining operations as a result of the combustion event does not constitute an event of force majeure under the royalty agreement (see Note 12).

#### *Sale-Leaseback Financing Arrangements*

In 2009, Macoupin sold certain of its coal reserves and rail facility assets to WPP and leased them back. The gross proceeds from this transaction were \$143.5 million. As Macoupin has continuing involvement in the assets sold, the transaction is treated as a financing arrangement. The Macoupin financing arrangement has been adjusted to fair value as part of pushdown accounting. The carrying value of the Macoupin financing arrangement was \$133.2 million as of September 30, 2017 and the effective interest rate was 14.3%.

In 2012, Sugar Camp sold certain rail facility assets to HOD and leased them back. The gross proceeds from this transaction were \$50.0 million. As Sugar Camp has continuing involvement in the assets sold, the transaction is treated as a financing arrangement. The Sugar Camp financing arrangement has been adjusted to fair value as part of pushdown accounting. The carrying value of the Sugar Camp financing arrangement was \$67.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and the effective interest rate was 8.2%.

#### *Limited Partnership Agreement*

The general partner manages the Partnership's operations and activities as specified in the partnership agreement. The general partner of the Partnership is managed by its board of directors. Murray Energy and Foresight Reserves have the right to appoint the directors of the general partner. The members of the board of directors of the general partner are not elected by the unitholders and are not subject to reelection by the unitholders. The officers of the general partner manage the day-to-day affairs of the Partnership's business. The partnership agreement provides that the Partnership will reimburse its general partner for all direct and indirect expenses incurred or payments made by the general partner on behalf of the Partnership.

The following table summarizes certain affiliate amounts included in our condensed consolidated balance sheets:

Affiliated Company	Balance Sheet Location	(Successor) September 30, 2017 <i>(In Thousands)</i>	(Predecessor) December 31, 2016 <i>(In Thousands)</i>
Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(1)</sup>	Due from affiliates - current	\$ 13,145	\$ 16,784
NRP and affiliated entities	Due from affiliates - current	n/a <sup>(4)</sup>	107
Total		\$ 13,145	\$ 16,891
Murray Energy and affiliated entities	Financing receivables - affiliate - current	\$ 3,078	\$ 2,904
Total		\$ 3,078	\$ 2,904
Murray Energy and affiliated entities	Due from affiliates - noncurrent	\$ 947	\$ 1,843
Total		\$ 947	\$ 1,843
Murray Energy and affiliated entities	Financing receivables - affiliate - noncurrent	\$ 64,904	\$ 67,235
Total		\$ 64,904	\$ 67,235
Foresight Reserves and affiliated entities <sup>(2)</sup>	Prepaid royalties - current and noncurrent	\$ —	\$ 7,599
NRP and affiliated entities <sup>(3)</sup>	Prepaid royalties - current and noncurrent	n/a <sup>(5)</sup>	1,246
Total		\$ —	\$ 8,845
NRP and affiliated entities	Sales-leaseback financing arrangements - current and noncurrent	n/a <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 191,869
NRP and affiliated entities	Accrued interest	n/a <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 2,930
Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(1)</sup>	Due to affiliates - current	\$ 6,354	\$ 17,021
Foresight Reserves and affiliated entities <sup>(4)</sup>	Due to affiliates - current	3,674	1,373
NRP and affiliated entities	Due to affiliates - current	n/a <sup>(5)</sup>	2,510
Total		\$ 10,028	\$ 20,904

(1) – Includes amounts due to/from from Javelin, a joint venture partially owned by Murray Energy.

(2) – Prepaid royalties with Foresight Reserves and affiliated entities is presented net of a reserve of \$74,575 as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016.

(3) – Prepaid royalties with NRP and affiliated entities is presented net of a reserve of \$33,965 as of December 31, 2016.

(4) – As of December 31, 2016, includes amounts due to/from a joint venture partially owned by an affiliate of The Cline Group. On March 31, 2017, The Cline Group sold its interest in the joint venture to the unaffiliated member therefore this joint venture is no longer considered to be an affiliated party.

(5) – As a result of Chris Cline's affiliate selling its interest in NRP's general partner on May 8, 2017, NRP is no longer considered to be an affiliate of FELP.

A summary of certain expenditures and expenses (revenues) incurred with affiliated entities is as follows for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 and the nine months ended September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	(Successor)	(Predecessor)	(Successor)	(Predecessor)	(Predecessor)
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017	Period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Coal sales – Murray Energy and affiliated entities (including Javelin) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (64,415)	\$ (8,943)	\$ (104,725)	\$ (60,749)	\$ (8,912)
Overriding royalty and lease revenues – Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (2,465)	\$ (2,065)	\$ (4,877)	\$ (2,355)	\$ (6,180)
Terminal revenues - Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (304)	\$ (288)	\$ (470)	\$ (226)	\$ (1,069)
Royalty expense – NRP and affiliated entities <sup>(3)</sup> — through April 30, 2017	\$ n/a	\$ 4,735	\$ 710	\$ 3,669	\$ 12,021
Royalty expense – Foresight Reserves and affiliated entities <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 9,658	\$ 4,116	\$ 16,393	\$ 1,521	\$ 11,272
Loadout services – NRP and affiliated entities <sup>(3)</sup> — through April 30, 2017	\$ n/a	\$ 2,468	\$ 746	\$ 2,134	\$ 6,128
Transportation services - Murray Energy and affiliated entities (including Javelin) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 1,232	\$ 789	\$ 1,232	\$ 525	\$ 789
Purchased goods and services – Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 2,626	\$ 557	\$ 5,900	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,258
Purchased coal - Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ —	\$ 183	\$ —	\$ 7,973	\$ 733
Sales commissions - Murray Energy and affiliated entities (including Javelin) <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 772	\$ —	\$ 1,139	\$ 692	\$ —
Management services, net – Murray Energy and affiliated entities <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 3,956	\$ 2,559	\$ 7,669	\$ 2,547	\$ 7,129
Sales-leaseback interest expense - NRP and affiliated entities <sup>(8)</sup> — through April 30, 2017	\$ n/a	\$ 6,071	\$ 2,012	\$ 6,244	\$ 18,473

Principal location in the condensed consolidated financial statements:

- (1) – Coal sales
- (2) – Other revenues
- (3) – Cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization)
- (4) – Transportation
- (5) – Cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) and property, plant and equipment and development, net, as applicable
- (6) – Cost of coal purchased
- (7) – Selling, general and administrative
- (8) – Interest expense, net

For the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, transactions with NRP and affiliated entities are only included in the table above through April 30, 2017 as a result of NRP no longer being an affiliate subsequent to Chris Cline’s affiliate selling its interest in NRP’s general partner on May 8, 2017.

We also purchased \$3.0 million in mining supplies from an affiliated joint venture under a supply agreement during the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and \$1.7 million and \$4.9 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. This joint venture was no longer an affiliate subsequent to March 31, 2017.

## 10. Earnings per Limited Partner Unit

Limited partners' interest in net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership and basic and diluted earnings per unit reflect net income (loss) attributable to the Partnership. We compute earnings per unit ("EPU") using the two-class method for master limited partnerships as prescribed in ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*. The two-class method requires that securities that meet the definition of a participating security be considered for inclusion in the computation of basic EPU. In addition to the common and subordinated units, we have also identified the general partner interest and IDRs as participating securities. Under the two-class method, EPU is calculated as if all of the earnings for the period were distributed under the terms of the partnership agreement, regardless of whether the general partner has discretion over the amount of distributions to be made in any particular period, whether those earnings would actually be distributed during a particular period from an economic or practical perspective, or whether the general partner has other legal or contractual limitations on its ability to pay distributions that would prevent it from distributing all of the earnings for a particular period.

The Partnership's net income (loss) is allocated to the limited partners, including the holders of the subordinated units, in accordance with the partnership agreement on their respective ownership percentages, after giving effect to any special income or expense allocations and incentive distributions paid to the general partner, if any. The holders of our incentive distribution rights ("IDR") have the right to receive increasing percentages of quarterly distributions from operating surplus after certain distribution levels defined in the partnership agreement have been achieved. The general partner has no obligation to make distributions; therefore, undistributed earnings of the Partnership are not allocated to the IDR holder. Basic EPU is computed by dividing net earnings attributable to unitholders by the weighted-average number of units outstanding during each period. Diluted EPU reflects the potential dilution of common equivalent units that could occur if equity participation units are converted into common units.

The following table illustrates the Partnership's calculation of net loss per common and subordinated unit for the three month periods indicated:

	(Successor)			(Predecessor)		
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017			Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Common Units	Subordinated Units	Total	Common Units	Subordinated Units	Total
<i>(In Thousands, Except Per Unit Data)</i>						
<b>Numerator:</b>						
Net loss available to limited partner units	\$ (5,097)	\$ (8,484)	\$ (13,581)	\$ (12,249)	\$ (12,037)	\$ (24,286)
<b>Denominator:</b>						
Weighted-average units to calculate basic EPU	77,510	64,955	142,465	66,098	64,955	131,053
Less: effect of dilutive securities <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weighted-average units to calculate diluted EPU	77,510	64,955	142,465	66,098	64,955	131,053
Basic net loss per unit	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.19)
Diluted net loss per unit	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.19)

(1) - Diluted EPU gives effect to all dilutive potential common units outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Diluted EPU excludes all dilutive potential units calculated under the treasury stock method if their effect is anti-dilutive. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, approximately 0.3 million and 0.3 million phantom units, respectively, were anti-dilutive, and therefore excluded from the diluted EPU calculation. Diluted EPU also is not impacted during the current period by the 347,278 Warrants outstanding as of September 30, 2017, which are convertible into common units at an exchange rate of approximately 13.0 common units of FELP at an exercise price of \$0.8800 per common unit, in each case subject to adjustment (see Note 11).

The following table illustrates the Partnership's calculation of net loss per common and subordinated unit for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, from the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

	(Predecessor)			(Successor)		
	Period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017			Period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017		
	Common Units	Subordinated Units	Total	Common Units	Subordinated Units	Total
	<i>(In Thousands, Except Per Unit Data)</i>					
<b>Numerator:</b>						
Net loss available to limited partner units	\$ (56,259)	\$ (54,925)	\$ (111,184)	\$ (13,887)	\$ (15,971)	\$ (29,858)
<b>Denominator:</b>						
Weighted-average units to calculate basic EPU	66,533	64,955	131,488	76,893	64,955	141,848
Less: effect of dilutive securities <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weighted-average units to calculate diluted EPU	66,533	64,955	131,488	76,893	64,955	141,848
Basic net loss per unit	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.21)
Diluted net loss per unit	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.21)

	(Predecessor)		
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016		
	Common Units	Subordinated Units	Total
	<i>(In Thousands, Except Per Unit Data)</i>		
<b>Numerator:</b>			
Net loss available to limited partner units	\$ (47,135)	\$ (46,641)	\$ (93,776)
<b>Denominator:</b>			
Weighted-average units to calculate basic EPU	65,737	64,955	130,692
Less: effect of dilutive securities <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—
Weighted-average units to calculate diluted EPU	65,737	64,955	130,692
Basic net loss per unit	\$ (0.72)	\$ (0.72)	\$ (0.72)
Diluted net loss per unit	\$ (0.72)	\$ (0.72)	\$ (0.72)

- (1) Diluted EPU gives effect to all dilutive potential common units outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Diluted EPU excludes all dilutive potential units calculated under the treasury stock method if their effect is anti-dilutive. For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, approximately 0.3 million phantom units were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the diluted EPU calculation. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, approximately 0.3 million phantom units were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the diluted EPU calculation. Diluted EPU also is not impacted during the current year period by the 347,278 Warrants outstanding as of September 30, 2017, which are convertible into common units at an exchange rate of approximately 13.0 common units of FELP at an exercise price of \$0.8800 per common unit, in each case subject to adjustment (see Note 11).

## 11. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The table below sets forth, by level, the Partnership's net financial assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured on a recurring basis:

	(Successor)			
	Fair Value at September 30, 2017			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
Coal derivative contracts	\$ (228)	\$ —	\$ (228)	\$ —
Total	\$ (228)	\$ —	\$ (228)	\$ —

	(Predecessor)			
	Fair Value at December 31, 2016			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
Coal derivative contracts	\$ 7,315	\$ —	\$ 7,315	\$ —
Warrant liability	(51,169)	—	—	(51,169)
Total	\$ (43,854)	\$ —	\$ 7,315	\$ (51,169)

The Partnership's commodity derivative contracts are valued based on direct broker quotes and corroborated with market pricing data.

The classification and amount of the Partnership's financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis, which are presented on a gross basis in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, are as follows:

	(Successor)			
	Fair Value at September 30, 2017			
	Current – Coal Derivative Assets	Long-Term – Coal Derivative Assets	Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	Other Long-Term Liabilities
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
Coal derivative contracts	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (228)	\$ —
Total	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (228)	\$ —

	(Predecessor)			
	Fair Value at December 31, 2016			
	Current – Coal Derivative Assets	Long-Term – Coal Derivative Assets	Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	Warrant Liability
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
Coal derivative contracts	\$ 7,650	\$ —	\$ (335)	\$ —
Warrant liability	—	—	—	(51,169)
Total	\$ 7,650	\$ —	\$ (335)	\$ (51,169)

During the periods presented in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements, there were no assets or liabilities that were transferred between Level 1 and Level 2.

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	<u>(Predecessor)</u> <u>Warrant Liability</u>
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 51,169
Purchases, issuances and settlements	—
Recorded fair value losses	
Included in earnings - gain	(9,281)
Reclassification of fair value to partners' capital	(41,888)
Balance at March 31, 2017	<u>\$ —</u>

In August 2016, FELP issued 516,825 warrants (the "Warrants") to the unaffiliated owners of the Prior Second Lien Notes to purchase an amount of common units equal to an aggregate of 4.5% of the total limited partner units of FELP outstanding on the date of a note redemption of the 2017 Exchangeable PIK Notes ("the Note Redemption") (after giving effect to the full exercise of the Warrants and the Note Redemption, subject to certain anti-dilution protections), exercisable upon a Note Redemption and until the tenth anniversary of the Note Redemption. The exercise price of the Warrants was \$0.8928 per common unit, subject to certain adjustments. On the Closing Date, as a result of the Refinancing Transactions, the Warrants became exercisable by the holders thereof at an exchange rate of approximately 12.8 common units of FELP at an initial exercise price of \$0.8928 per common unit, in each case subject to adjustment. As of September 30, 2017, the Warrants are exercisable at an exchange rate of approximately 13.0 common units of FELP at an exercise price of \$0.8800 per common unit.

Upon their issuance, the Warrants were recorded as a liability at fair value and remeasured to fair value at each balance sheet date. The resulting non-cash gain or loss on remeasurements was recorded as a non-operating loss in our consolidated statements of operations.

The fair value of the Warrants was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model which is based, in part, upon unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data (Level 3), requiring the Partnership to develop its own assumptions. A stock price volatility of 70%, a dividend yield of 0% and a risk-free forward rate of 2.39% were used as assumptions in the Black-Scholes pricing model.

Upon the Note Redemption on the Closing Date, the establishment of a fixed exchange rate for the conversion of the Warrants to a number of common units resulted in the warrant liability being reclassified to partners' capital, and therefore, were not remeasured at fair value after the Closing Date. As of September 30, 2017, there are 347,278 Warrants outstanding and exercisable into common units of FELP.

### **Long-Term Debt**

The fair value of long-term debt as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was \$1,218.6 million and \$1,378.6 million, respectively. The fair value of long-term debt was calculated based on the credit-adjusted borrowing rate for similar debt instruments with comparable terms. This is considered a Level 3 fair value measurement.

## **12. Contingencies**

In January 2016, WPP sent a demand letter to Macoupin claiming it had misapplied the royalty recoupment provision involving a coal mining lease and a rail infrastructure lease, resulting in underpayments of \$3.3 million. In April 2016, WPP and HOD filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of Macoupin County, Illinois. We do not believe that the royalty recoupment provision was misapplied and have continued to apply the recoupment provision consistently with prior periods. While we believe that the language of the agreements and the parties' course of performance thereunder support Macoupin's position, should we not prevail, we would be responsible for paying WPP for any recoupment taken that is found to contravene the contractual language. Macoupin has filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint, which is pending.

In July 2015, we provided notice to WPP, a subsidiary of NRP, declaring a force majeure event at our Hillsboro mine due to a combustion event. As a result of the force majeure event, as of September 30, 2017, we have not made \$68.5 million in minimum deficiency payments to WPP in accordance with the force majeure provisions of the royalty agreement. On November 24, 2015, WPP filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, against Hillsboro, and WPP has subsequently amended its Complaint. On October 6, 2017, the Circuit Court dismissed many of the claims in the Third Amended Complaint against Hillsboro and the Partnership and other of its subsidiaries. However, WPP was afforded a chance to replead some claims, and WPP's claim for breach of the royalty agreement will proceed. While we believe this is a force majeure event, as contemplated by the royalty agreement, and that the alleged claims are without merit, should we not prevail, we would be responsible for funding any minimum deficiency payment amounts during the shutdown period to WPP and potentially additional fees.



We are also party to various other litigation matters, in most cases involving ordinary and routine claims incidental to our business. We cannot reasonably estimate the ultimate legal and financial liability with respect to all pending litigation matters. However, we believe, based on our examination of such matters, that the ultimate liability will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. As of September 30, 2017, we had \$0.5 million accrued for litigation matters.

### ***Insurance Recoveries***

We are currently in discussions with our insurance provider in regards to further potential recoveries under our policy related to the combustion event at our Hillsboro operation. During the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded \$10.5 million to cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the insurance recovery of mitigation costs (net of our policy deductible) and \$20.0 million to other operating (income) expense related to business interruption insurance proceeds. In May 2017, we received \$12.8 million payment from the insurance companies which was recorded to other operating income (expense) in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. In September 2017, we received an additional \$1.5 million payment from the insurance companies which was recorded to cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) in our consolidated statement of operations for the insurance recovery of mitigation costs. We continue to pursue additional remedies under our insurance policies; however, there can be no assurances that we will receive any further insurance recoveries related to this incident.

### ***Performance Bonds***

We had outstanding surety bonds with third parties of \$84.7 million as of September 30, 2017 to secure reclamation and other performance commitments, which are partially secured by \$4.5 million of our outstanding letters of credit.

### **13. Subsequent Event**

On November 9, 2017, we announced a cash distribution of \$0.0605 per unit payable to common unitholders. The distribution is payable on November 30, 2017, for common unitholders of record on November 20, 2017.

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

You should read the following discussion and analysis together with the financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this report. This discussion may contain statements about our business, operations and industry that constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, such as statements regarding our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words such as "outlook," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "anticipates," "foresees," or the negative version of these words or other comparable words and phrases. Any forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon our historical performance and on our current plans, estimates and expectations as of the filing date of this report. Our future results and financial condition may differ materially from those we currently anticipate as a result of various factors. Among those factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the following:

- The market price for coal;
- The supply of, and demand for, domestic and foreign coal;
- Competition from other coal suppliers;
- The cost of using, and the availability of, other fuels, including the effects of technological developments;
- Advances in power technologies;
- The efficiency of our mines;
- The amount of coal we are able to produce from our properties, which could be adversely affected by, among other things, operating difficulties and unfavorable geologic conditions;
- The pricing terms contained in our long-term contracts;
- Cancellation or renegotiation of contracts;
- Legislative, regulatory and judicial developments, including those related to the release of greenhouse gases;
- The strength of the U.S. dollar;
- Air emission, wastewater discharge and other environmental standards for coal-fired power plants or coal mines;
- Delays in the receipt of, failure to receive, or revocation of, necessary government permits;
- Inclement or hazardous weather conditions and natural disasters;
- Availability and cost or interruption of fuel, equipment and other supplies;
- Transportation costs;
- Availability of transportation infrastructure, including flooding and railroad derailments;
- Cost and availability of our coal miners;
- Availability of skilled employees;
- Work stoppages or other labor difficulties; and
- The receipt of insurance recoveries related to the Hillsboro combustion event.

The above factors should be read in conjunction with the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 1, 2017.

### *Company Overview*

Foresight Energy LLC ("FELLC"), a perpetual-term Delaware limited liability company, was formed in September 2006 for the development, mining, transportation and sale of coal. Prior to June 23, 2014, Foresight Reserves LP ("Foresight Reserves") owned 99.333% of FELLC and a member of FELLC's management owned 0.667%. On June 23, 2014, in connection with the initial public offering ("IPO") of Foresight Energy LP ("FELP," "we," "us," and "our"), Foresight Reserves and a member of FELLC's management contributed their ownership interests in FELLC to FELP in exchange for common and subordinated units in FELP. FELP has been managed by Foresight Energy GP LLC ("FEGP") subsequent to the IPO. On April 16, 2015, Murray Energy Corporation ("Murray Energy") and Foresight Reserves completed a transaction whereby Murray Energy acquired a 34% voting interest in FEGP and all of the outstanding subordinated units of FELP, representing 50% ownership of the Partnership's limited partner units outstanding at that time.

We control 2.1 billion tons of coal reserves, almost all of which exist in three large, contiguous blocks of coal: two in central Illinois and one in southern Illinois. Since our inception, we have invested significantly in capital expenditures to develop what we believe are industry-leading, geologically similar, low-cost and highly productive mines and related infrastructure. We currently operate under one reportable segment with four underground mining complexes in the Illinois Basin: Williamson, Sugar Camp and Hillsboro, all three of which are longwall operations, and Macoupin, which is currently a continuous miner operation. The Williamson and Hillsboro complexes each operates with one longwall system and Sugar Camp operates with two longwall mining systems. Mining operations at our Hillsboro complex have been idle since March 2015 due to a combustion event. In May 2017, we breached the seal and mine rescue teams evaluated the mine. Currently, we are pursuing the recovery of the longwall equipment that is in place on the current longwall panel. We are uncertain as to when production will resume at this operation.

Our coal is sold to a diverse customer base, including electric utility and industrial companies in the eastern half of the United States as well as internationally (primarily into Europe). We generally sell a majority of our coal to customers at delivery points other than our mines, including, but not limited to, our river terminal on the Ohio River and ports near New Orleans.

### ***Governance Changes***

Following completion of the Refinancing Transactions (see “Item 1. Financial Statements – Note 8. Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations”), Murray Energy exercised its option (the “FEGP Option”) to acquire an additional 46% voting interest in FEGP from Foresight Reserves and Michael J. Beyer (“Beyer”) pursuant to the terms of an option agreement, dated April 16, 2015, among Murray Energy, Foresight Reserves and Beyer, as amended, thereby increasing Murray Energy’s voting interest in the FEGP to 80%. The aggregate exercise price of the FEGP Option was \$15 million. Following the exercise of the FEGP Option, pursuant to the operating agreement of FEGP, all members of the board of directors of the General Partner (the “Board”), other than Paul Vining, are deemed appointed by Murray Energy and can be removed and replaced by Murray Energy at its sole discretion. Murray Energy is entitled to appoint a majority of the Board. On March 28, 2017, Chris Cline resigned from the Board, and from his role as Principal Strategy Advisor. In connection with the departure of Mr. Cline, effective March 28, 2017, Robert D. Moore began serving as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Robert Edward Murray became a member of the Board. Mr. Murray currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Marketing and Sales at Murray Energy. These changes came by way of the amended general partner operating agreement that went into effect upon the exercise of the FEGP Option.

Upon the exercise of the FEGP Option, FEGP entered into an amended and restated management services agreement (“MSA”) with Murray American Coal, Inc. (the “Manager”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Murray Energy, pursuant to which the quarterly fee for the Manager to provide certain management and administration services to FELP was increased to \$5.0 million (\$20.0 million on an annual basis) and is subject to future contractual escalations and adjustments. The initial term of the MSA extends through December 31, 2022 and is subject to termination provisions.

### ***Pushdown accounting***

Murray Energy, as the acquirer of FELP through our GP, had the option to apply pushdown accounting to our stand alone financial statements and elected to do so, therefore, our consolidated financial statements were adjusted to reflect the preliminary purchase accounting adjustments. Due to the application of pushdown accounting, our condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in two distinct periods to indicate the application of two different bases of accounting between the periods presented. The periods prior to the acquisition date are identified as “Predecessor” and the period after the acquisition date is identified as “Successor”. For accounting purposes, management has designated the acquisition date as March 31, 2017 (the “Acquisition Date”), as the operating results and change in financial position for the intervening period is not material.

As it relates to the results of operations, references to “Successor” are in reference to reporting dates on or after April 1, 2017, and references to “Predecessor” are in reference to reporting dates prior to and including March 31, 2017. While the 2017 Successor period and the 2017 Predecessor period are distinct reporting periods, the effects of the change of control did not have a material impact on the comparability of our results of operations between the periods, unless otherwise noted related to the impact from pushdown accounting. References to the Combined Period from January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 combine the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 to enhance the comparability of such information to the prior year.

Also, the assets and liabilities of FELP were recorded at their estimated fair value as of the Acquisition Date, which in certain cases was significantly different than the carrying value immediately prior to the Acquisition Date. See “Item 1. Financial Statements – Note 3. Pushdown Accounting” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for additional discussion on those changes. Adjustments to the fair value of FELP’s asset and liabilities as of the Acquisition Date will be recorded during the period in which the adjustment is determined, including the effect on earnings of any amounts we would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the Acquisition Date (i.e. the historical reported financial statements will not be retrospectively adjusted). During the three months ended September 30, 2017, changes to the estimated fair value of FELP’s assets and liabilities resulted in an increase of \$4.3 million in cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion, and amortization), a decrease of \$16.4 million in contract amortization, and a decrease of \$1.2 million in depreciation, depletion, and amortization that would have been recognized in the three months ended June 30, 2017, if the adjustments to provisional amounts had been recognized as of the Acquisition Date.

### ***Key Metrics***

We assess the performance of our business using certain key metrics, which are described below and analyzed on a period-to-period basis. These key metrics include Adjusted EBITDA, production, tons sold, coal sales realization per ton sold, netback to mine realization per ton sold and cash cost per ton sold. Coal sales realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales divided by tons sold.

Netback to mine realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales less transportation expense divided by tons sold. Cash cost per ton sold is defined as cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) divided by produced tons sold.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) attributable to controlling interests before interest, income taxes, depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion. Adjusted EBITDA is also adjusted for equity-based compensation, losses/gains on commodity derivative contracts, settlements of derivative contracts, contract amortization, changes in the fair value of the warrants and material nonrecurring or other items which may not reflect the trend of future results. As it relates to derivatives, the Adjusted EBITDA calculation removes the total impact of derivative gains/losses on net income (loss) during the period and then adds/deducts to Adjusted EBITDA the aggregate settlements during the period.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of performance defined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors in evaluating our performance because it is a commonly used financial analysis tool for measuring and comparing companies in our industry in areas of operating performance. Management believes that the disclosure of Adjusted EBITDA offers an additional view of our operations that, when coupled with our U.S. GAAP results and the reconciliation to U.S. GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of our results of operations and the factors and trends affecting our business. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss), operating income, cash flow from operations, or as a measure of profitability or liquidity under U.S. GAAP. The primary limitation associated with the use of Adjusted EBITDA as compared to U.S. GAAP results are (i) it may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies in our industry, and (ii) it excludes financial information that some consider important in evaluating our performance. We compensate for these limitations by providing a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to U.S. GAAP results to enable users to perform their own analysis of our operating results.

## Results of Operations

### Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 (Successor) to Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 (Predecessor)

**Coal Sales.** The following table summarizes coal sales information during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands, except per ton data).

	(Successor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Variance	
Coal sales	\$ 229,670	\$ 228,472	\$ 1,198	0.5%
Tons sold	5,242	5,281	(39)	-0.7%
Coal sales realization per ton sold <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 43.81	\$ 43.26	\$ 0.55	1.3%
Netback to mine realization per ton sold <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 36.29	\$ 36.95	\$ (0.66)	-1.8%

(1) - Coal sales realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales divided by tons sold.

(2) - Netback to mine realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales less transportation expense divided by tons sold.

The increase in coal sales revenue from the prior year period was due to slightly lower coal sales volumes during the third quarter of 2017 and slightly higher coal sales realization per ton sold. Coal sales realization per ton sold was higher as compared to the prior year period due to sales mix by customer and by a higher mix of export sales.

**Cost of Coal Produced (Excluding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization).** The following table summarizes cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) information for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands, except per ton data).

	(Successor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Variance	
Cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization)	\$ 122,839	\$ 110,311	\$ 12,528	11.4%
Produced tons sold	5,242	5,277	(35)	-0.7%
Cash cost per ton sold <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 23.43	\$ 20.90	\$ 2.53	12.1%
Tons produced	5,297	4,774	523	11.0%

(1) - Cash cost per ton sold is defined as cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) divided by produced tons sold.

The increase in cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) was primarily due to an increase in the third quarter of 2017 of \$4.3 million arising from the non-cash adjustment of inventory to fair value related to our pushdown accounting. Additionally, the third quarter of 2016 included the recognition of \$10.5 million of insurance recoveries related to the direct mitigation costs we incurred in 2015 and 2016 from the Hillsboro combustion event. As a result, the overall cash cost per ton sold increased as compared to the prior year period.

**Transportation.** Our cost of transportation for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$6.1 million, or 18.3%, from the three months ended September 30, 2016 due to a higher percentage of our sales going to the export market during the current year period and the additional transportation cost associated therewith.

**Contract Amortization.** During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded an amortization benefit of \$15.6 million on the favorable/unfavorable sales and royalty contract assets and liabilities recorded as part of our pushdown accounting.

**Loss on Commodity Derivative Contracts.** We recorded a loss on our commodity contracts of \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to a \$6.0 million loss for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decreased loss during the current year period was due to a less significant increase in the API 2 curve during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as well as the notional value of open commodity contracts declining from the prior year.

**Debt Restructuring.** The \$6.1 million of debt restructuring costs incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2016 represented legal and other advisor fees incurred as a result of the unfavorable ruling under the 2021 Senior Note bondholder lawsuit.

**Change in fair value of warrants.** The warrants issued as part of the August 2016 debt restructuring were required to be accounted for as a liability at fair value and revalued at each balance sheet date until the earlier of the exercise of the warrants, their expiration, or until any feature requiring liability treatments expires or is modified. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, a gain of \$1.5 million was recorded to adjust the warrants to fair value, which was primarily driven by the increase in the price of our units subsequent to the closing date of the August 2016 Restructuring Transactions. Upon the Note Redemption on the Closing Date, the establishment of an exchange rate for the conversion of the warrants to a number of common units resulted in the warrants meeting the “indexed to its own stock exception” under ASC 815-40-15-7C; and therefore, the warrant liability was reclassified to partners’ capital and will not be remeasured prospectively.

**Loss on extinguishment of debt.** The \$13.2 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt recognized during the three months ended September 30, 2016, was due to the write-off of \$11.0 million of unamortized debt discount and debt issuance costs associated with the extinguishment of the previously issued and outstanding 2021 Senior Notes and the reduction in borrowing capacity under our credit facility as well as the incurrence of \$2.2 million in costs related to the modification of debt which were not deferred.

**Adjusted EBITDA.** Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$18.6 million from the prior year period due primarily to the recognition of \$10.5 million of insurance recoveries during the three months ended September 30, 2016, related to the direct mitigation costs we incurred in 2015 and 2016 from the Hillsboro combustion event. The table below reconciles net loss attributable to controlling interests to Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands).

	(Successor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Three Months Ended September 30, 2016
Net loss attributable to controlling interests	\$ (13,581)	\$ (24,286)
Interest expense, net	35,988	37,939
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	53,754	43,637
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	726	844
Contract amortization	(15,611)	—
Noncash impact of recording coal inventory to fair value in pushdown accounting	4,306	—
Equity-based compensation	228	284
Loss on commodity derivative contracts	1,101	5,987
Settlements of commodity derivative contracts	(124)	3,191
Debt restructuring costs	—	6,072
Change in fair value of warrants	—	(1,452)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	13,186
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 66,787</u>	<u>\$ 85,402</u>

For a discussion on Adjusted EBITDA, please read Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Metrics.”

**Comparison of the Period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 (Predecessor) and the Period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 (Successor) to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 (Predecessor)**

**Coal Sales.** The following table summarizes coal sales information during the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 (in thousands, except per ton data).

	(Successor) Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	Combined - Period From January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	Variance — Combined Period from January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 versus Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
Coal sales	\$ 434,186	\$ 227,813	\$ 661,999	\$ 615,662	\$ 46,337	7.5%
Tons sold	10,077	5,283	15,360	14,091	1,269	9.0%
Coal sales realization per ton sold <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 43.09	\$ 43.12	\$ 43.10	\$ 43.69	\$ (0.59)	-1.4%
Netback to mine realization per ton sold <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 36.37	\$ 35.98	\$ 36.24	\$ 36.83	\$ (0.59)	-1.6%

(1) - Coal sales realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales divided by tons sold.

(2) - Netback to mine realization per ton sold is defined as coal sales less transportation expense divided by tons sold.

The increase in coal sales revenue from the prior year period was due to higher coal sales volumes during 2017 offset partially by a slightly lower coal sales realization. The current year period sales volumes were benefited from the shift in certain committed volumes from the fourth quarter of 2016 into the first quarter of 2017 as well as by increased shipments into the export market. The lower realization compared to the prior year period was due to sales mix by customer and the expiration and repricing of certain higher priced sales contracts. The lower realization compared to the prior year period was somewhat offset by a higher mix of export sales.

**Cost of Coal Produced (Excluding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization).** The following table summarizes cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) information during the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 (in thousands, except per ton data).

	(Successor)	(Predecessor)			Variance —	
	Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	Combined - Period From January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	from January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 versus Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
Cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization)	\$ 228,629	\$ 117,762	\$ 346,391	\$ 311,557	\$ 34,834	11.2%
Produced tons sold	10,077	5,165	15,242	14,070	1,172	8.3%
Cash cost per ton sold <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 22.69	\$ 22.80	\$ 22.73	\$ 22.14	\$ 0.59	2.7%
Tons produced	10,957	5,267	16,224	13,962	2,262	16.2%

(1) – Cash cost per tons sold is defined as cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) divided by produced tons sold.

The increase in cost of coal produced (excluding depreciation, depletion and amortization) was primarily due to higher sales volumes during the current year period. The overall cash cost per ton sold remained materially consistent with the prior year period, increasing slightly in the current year period due to the inclusion of \$8.9 million arising from the non-cash adjustment of inventory to fair value related to our pushdown accounting and the recognition of \$10.5 million of insurance recoveries related to the direct mitigation costs we incurred in 2015 and 2016 from the Hillsboro combustion event in the prior year period.

**Transportation.** Our cost of transportation for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, in aggregate, increased \$8.7 million as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due primarily to higher sales volumes and a higher percentage of our sales going to the export market during the current year period.

**Contract Amortization.** During the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, we recorded an amortization benefit of \$6.9 million on the favorable/unfavorable sales and royalty contract assets and liabilities recorded as part of our pushdown accounting.

**Transition and Reorganization Costs.** Transition and reorganization costs were \$6.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. As part of the 2015 Murray Energy transaction, Foresight entered into the MSA with Murray Energy to optimize and reorganize certain corporate administrative functions and generate synergies between the two companies through the elimination of headcount and duplicative selling, general and administrative costs. Included in transition and reorganization costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$2.3 million of costs paid by Foresight Reserves which were recorded as capital contributions, \$4.3 million of equity-based compensation for the accelerated vesting of certain equity awards, and \$0.2 million of other one-time charges related to the Murray Energy transaction. The incurrence of transition and reorganization costs ceased during 2016.

**Loss on Commodity Derivative Contracts.** We recorded a loss on our commodity contracts of \$3.7 million, in aggregate for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, compared to a \$17.3 million loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decreased loss during the current year period was due to a less significant increase in the API 2 curve during the current year periods as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as well as the notional value of open commodity contracts declining from the prior year.

**Other Operating (Income) Expense, Net.** Other operating (income) expense, net increased \$11.0 million for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, and the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, from the prior year primarily due to the receipt of \$12.8 million in payments from the insurance companies during the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. We continue to pursue additional remedies under our insurance policies; however, there can be no assurances that we will receive any further insurance recoveries related to the Hillsboro combustion event.

**Interest Expense, Net.** Interest expense, net for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, in aggregate, increased \$9.5 million from the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due

primarily to higher interest costs resulting from the August 2016 debt restructuring as the Prior Second Lien Notes and 2017 Exchangeable PIK Notes outstanding through the first quarter of 2017, which carried a substantially higher effective interest than the senior notes which they replaced.

**Debt Restructuring Costs.** The \$21.7 million of debt restructuring costs incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 represented legal and other advisor fees incurred as a result of the unfavorable ruling under the 2021 Senior Note bondholder lawsuit.

**Change in fair value of warrants.** The warrants issued as part of the August 2016 debt restructuring were required to be accounted for as a liability at fair value and revalued at each balance sheet date until the earlier of the exercise of the warrants, their expiration, or until any feature requiring liability treatments expires or is modified. During the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, a gain of \$9.3 million was recorded to adjust the warrants to fair value, which was primarily driven by the increase in the price of our units subsequent to the closing date of the August 2016 Restructuring Transactions. Upon the Note Redemption on the Closing Date, the establishment of an exchange rate for the conversion of the warrants to a number of common units resulted in the warrants meeting the “indexed to its own stock exception” under ASC 815-40-15-7C; and therefore, the warrant liability was reclassified to partners’ capital and will not be remeasured prospectively.

**Loss on extinguishment of debt.** The \$95.5 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt recognized during the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 was due to the incurrence of \$57.6 million in make-whole/equity-claw premiums and other costs to retire the Prior Second Lien Notes early and the write-off of \$37.9 million of unamortized debt discounts and debt issuance costs from the retired debt.

**Adjusted EBITDA.** Adjusted EBITDA from the combined 2017 periods increased \$4.5 million from the prior year period due primarily to higher sales volumes offset by lower netback to mine realizations. The table below reconciles net loss attributable to controlling interests to Adjusted EBITDA for the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017, for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 (in thousands).

	(Successor) Period From April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Period From January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017	Combined - Period From January 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017	(Predecessor) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Net loss attributable to controlling interests	\$ (29,858)	\$ (111,184)	\$ (141,042)	\$ (93,776)
Interest expense, net	71,408	43,380	114,788	105,269
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	103,291	39,298	142,589	125,521
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	1,454	710	2,164	2,532
Contract amortization	(6,878)	—	(6,878)	—
Noncash impact of recording coal inventory to fair value in pushdown accounting	8,868	—	8,868	—
Transition and reorganization costs (excluding amounts included in equity-based compensation below) <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	2,575
Equity-based compensation	439	318	757	4,711
Loss on commodity derivative contracts	2,218	1,492	3,710	17,270
Settlements of commodity derivative contracts	320	3,724	4,044	13,112
Debt restructuring costs	—	—	—	21,702
Change in fair value of warrants	—	(9,278)	(9,278)	(1,452)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	95,510	95,510	13,294
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 151,262</u>	<u>\$ 63,970</u>	<u>\$ 215,232</u>	<u>\$ 210,758</u>

(1) – Equity-based compensation of \$4.3 million was recorded in transition and reorganization costs in the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

For a discussion on Adjusted EBITDA, please read Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Key Metrics.”



## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary cash requirements include, but are not limited to, working capital needs, capital expenditures, and debt service costs (interest and principal). The consummation of the Refinancing Transactions on March 28, 2017 required us to use more than \$100 million of cash; however, the refinancing substantially extended our debt maturities, provided us with operating liquidity through a \$170.0 million Revolving Credit Facility and refinanced certain high effective interest rates. As of September 30, 2017, we had \$24.9 million of cash on hand, no borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility, and available borrowing capacity under the Revolving Credit Facility (net of outstanding letters of credit) of \$158.5 million.

The New Credit Facilities require us to utilize excess cash flows to prepay outstanding borrowings, subject to certain exceptions, with:

- 75% (which percentage will be reduced to 50%, 25% and 0% based on satisfaction of specified net secured leverage ratio tests) of our annual excess cash flow, as defined under the New Credit Facilities;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of non-ordinary course asset sales and other dispositions of property, in each case subject to certain exceptions and customary reinvestment rights;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of insurance (other than insurance proceeds relating to the Deer Run mine), in each case subject to certain exceptions and customary reinvestment rights; and
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of any issuance or incurrence of debt, other than proceeds from debt permitted under the New Credit Facilities.

Our operations are capital intensive, requiring investments to expand, maintain or enhance existing operations and to meet environmental and operational regulations. Our future capital spending will be determined by the board of directors of our general partner. Our capital requirements at this time consist of maintenance capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures are cash expenditures made to maintain our then-current operating capacity or net income as they exist at such time as the capital expenditures are made. Our maintenance capital expenditures can be irregular, causing the amount spent to differ materially from period to period.

Expansion capital expenditures are cash expenditures made to increase, over the long-term, our operating capacity or net income as it exists at such time as the capital expenditures are made. Expansion capital expenditures have declined significantly since early-2015 and no significant expansion capital expenditure plans are currently planned. Future longwall development and the associated expansion capital expenditures will be dependent upon several factors, including permitting, demand, access to capital, equipment availability and the committed sales position at our existing mining operations.

### Distributions

The restricted payment provisions in our New Credit Facilities are not as explicitly restrictive as those in the Prior Credit Facilities in terms of our ability to pay discretionary distributions. However, the New Credit Facilities could require us to utilize a substantial amount of our annual excess cash flow to prepay outstanding borrowings based on satisfaction of specified net secured leverage ratios defined under the New Credit Facilities. This excess cash flow provision is therefore currently restrictive to our ability to meaningfully resume distributions in the near term.

The following is a summary of cash provided by or used in each of the indicated types of activities:

	(Successor)	(Predecessor)	Combined —	(Predecessor)
	Period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017	Period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017	Period from January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2016
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 98,508	\$ 22,392	\$ 120,900	\$ 146,339
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (35,508)	\$ (13,785)	\$ (49,293)	\$ (23,675)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (42,336)	\$ (108,062)	\$ (150,398)	\$ (63,355)

For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, in aggregate, net cash provided by operating activities was \$120.9 million compared to \$146.3 million provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Cash provided by operating activities for the current period, after adjusting for noncash items and the financing costs incurred related to the Refinancing Transactions, is primarily a result of various working capital variances. Significant working capital variances as compared to the prior year period included:

- a \$9.3 million favorable accrued interest variance as compared to the prior year driven by the timing of interest payments;
- a \$14.9 million unfavorable due from/to affiliates, net variance which is a function of the timing of cash settlement with Murray Energy and its affiliates;
- a \$32.8 million unfavorable inventory variance driven by coal inventory build from the beginning of the year;
- a \$32.4 million favorable accounts receivable variance and a \$9.9 million favorable accounts payable variance which is a function of the timing of cash receipts and vendor payments; and
- a \$6.2 million unfavorable variance and a \$8.1 million unfavorable variance in other assets and accrued expenses, respectively, which is a function of the timing of cash receipts and vendor payments.

The increase in net cash used in investing activities was primarily due to a \$28.8 million increase in capital expenditures during the current year period as maintenance capital expenditures were strictly controlled during the prior year to preserve liquidity. During 2017 capital expenditures returned to more normalized levels. Cash from investing activities during the current year period was also benefited by \$3.5 million in cash proceeds from the early settlement of certain coal derivative contracts and \$1.9 million from the sale of property and equipment.

For the period from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 and for the period from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, in aggregate, net cash used in financing activities was \$150.4 million compared to \$63.4 million used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The increased usage of cash for financing fees was due to the Refinancing Transactions for which we incurred \$57.6 million in costs to extinguish the prior debt and \$27.3 million of costs to issue the new debt. The \$115.6 million net pay down in overall indebtedness during current year periods was partially funded by the Murray Investment which was used to redeem, pursuant to an equity claw redemption provision, \$54.5 million of Prior Second Lien Notes plus the applicable redemption premium and accrued and unpaid interest. Cash used in financing activities during the current year period was also affected by \$5.0 million of cash distributions paid to common unitholders.

## **Long-Term Debt and Sale-Leaseback Financing Arrangements**

### ***Summary of Refinancing Transactions and Additional Murray Energy Investment***

On March 27, 2017, Murray Energy contributed \$60.6 million in cash (the “Murray Investment”) to FELP in exchange for 9,628,108 common units of FELP. The cash was utilized to redeem, pursuant to an equity claw redemption provision, \$54.5 million of the then outstanding Second Lien Senior Secured PIK Notes due 2021 (the “Prior Second Lien Notes”) at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

On March 28, 2017 (the “Closing Date”), FELP, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries FELLC (the “Borrower”) and Foresight Energy Finance Corporation (the “Co-Issuer” and together with FELLC, the “Issuers” and certain of the Issuers’ subsidiaries, completed a series of transactions to refinance certain previously outstanding indebtedness (the “Refinancing Transactions”). The new debt issued was as follows:

- The Issuers issued \$425 million aggregate principal amount of Second Lien Senior Secured Notes due 2023 (the “2023 Second Lien Notes”) and
- The Borrower entered into a new credit agreement (the “New Credit Agreement”) providing for new senior secured first-priority credit facilities (the “New Credit Facilities”) consisting of a new senior secured first-priority \$825.0 million term loan with a five-year maturity (the “New Term Loan”) and a new senior secured first-priority \$170.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity of four years, including both a letter of credit sub-facility and a swing-line loan sub-facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”).

The Partnership retired the following indebtedness in the Refinancing Transactions:

- the remaining Prior Second Lien Notes at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest;
- the Second Lien Senior Secured Exchangeable PIK Notes due 2017 (the “Exchangeable PIK Notes”) at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest; and
- the Partnership’s outstanding credit facilities (the “Prior Credit Facilities”), including the revolving credit facility (the “Prior Revolving Credit Facility”) and the term loan (the “Prior Term Loan”), including, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest.

### ***Description of the New Credit Facilities***

On the Closing Date, the Borrower entered into the New Credit Agreement providing for new senior secured first-priority credit facilities consisting of a new senior secured first-priority \$825.0 million term loan with a maturity of five years and a new senior secured first-priority \$170.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity of four years, including both a letter of credit sub-facility and a swing-line loan sub-facility. The New Term Loan was issued at an initial discount of \$12.4 million, which is being amortized using the effective interest method over the term of the loan. Amounts outstanding under the New Credit Facilities bear interest as follows:

- in the case of the New Term Loan, at the Borrower's option, at (a) LIBOR (subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus 5.75% per annum; or (b) a base rate plus 4.75% per annum; and
- in the case of borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, at the Borrower's option, at (a) LIBOR (subject to a floor of zero) plus an applicable margin ranging from 5.25% to 5.50% per annum or (b) a base rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 4.25% to 4.50% per annum, in each case, such applicable margins to be determined based on our net first lien secured leverage ratio.

In addition to paying interest on the outstanding principal under the New Credit Facilities, we are required to pay a quarterly commitment fee with respect to the unused portions of our Revolving Credit Facility and customary letter of credit fees. The New Credit Facilities requires scheduled quarterly amortization payments on the New Term Loan in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.0% of the original principal amount of the New Term Loan, with the balance to be paid at maturity.

The New Credit Facilities require us to prepay outstanding borrowings, subject to certain exceptions, as described under "Liquidity and Capital Resources" above. We may also voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the New Credit Facilities at any time, without prepayment premium or penalty, except in connection with a repricing transaction in respect of the New Term Loan, in each case subject to customary "breakage" costs with respect to Eurodollar Rate loans. All obligations under the New Credit Facilities are guaranteed by FELP on a limited recourse basis (where recourse is limited to its pledge of stock of the Borrower) and are or will be unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior secured first-priority basis by each of the Borrower's existing and future direct and indirect, wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries (which do not currently include Hillsboro Energy LLC), subject to certain exceptions.

The New Credit Facilities require that we comply on a quarterly basis with a maximum net first lien secured leverage ratio of 3.75:1.00, stepping down by 0.25x in each of the first quarters of 2019 and 2021, which financial covenant is solely for the benefit of the lenders under the Revolving Credit Facility. The New Credit Facilities also contain certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including relating to a change of control.

As of September 30, 2017, \$820.9 million in principal was outstanding under the New Term Loan and there were no borrowings outstanding under the revolving credit facility.

### ***Description of the 2023 Second Lien Notes***

On the Closing Date, the Issuers issued \$425 million aggregate principal amount of 2023 Second Lien Notes pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture"), by and among the Issuers, the guarantors party thereto and the trustee. The 2023 Second Lien Notes have a maturity date of April 1, 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 11.50% per annum, payable in cash semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 (commencing on October 1, 2017). The 2023 Second Lien Notes were issued at an initial discount of \$3.2 million, which is being amortized using the effective interest method over the term of the notes. The obligations under the 2023 Second Lien Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior secured second-priority basis by each of the Issuers' wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the New Credit Facilities (which do not include Hillsboro Energy LLC). The Indenture contains certain usual and customary negative covenants and events of default, including related to a change in control.

Prior to April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem the 2023 Second Lien Notes in whole or in part at a price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus the applicable "make-whole" premium. In addition, prior to April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes at a price equal to 111.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed with the proceeds from a qualified equity offering, subject to at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes remaining outstanding after giving effect to any such redemption. On or after April 1, 2020, the Issuers may redeem the Notes at a price equal to: (i) 105.750% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed prior to April 1, 2021; (ii) 102.875% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed on or after April 1, 2021 but prior to April 1, 2022; and (iii) 100.000% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Second Lien Notes redeemed thereafter.

### ***Trade A/R Securitization Program***

In January 2015, Foresight Energy LP and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, entered into a \$70 million receivables securitization program (the "Securitization Program"). Under this Securitization Program, our subsidiaries sell all of their customer trade receivables (the "Receivables"), on a revolving basis, to Foresight Receivables LLC, a wholly-owned and consolidated special purpose subsidiary of Foresight Energy LP (the "SPV"). The SPV then pledges its interests in the Receivables to the securitization program lenders, which make loans to the SPV. The Securitization Program has a three-year maturity which expires on January 12, 2018. The borrowings under the Securitization Program are variable-rate and also carry a commitment fee for unutilized commitments.

In August 2016, we entered into an amended and restated receivables financing agreement pursuant to which the Securitization Program was amended to permanently reduce commitments to \$50.0 million. As of September 30, 2017, we had borrowings outstanding of \$10.9 million under the Securitization Program.

### ***Longwall Financing Arrangements and Capital Lease Obligations***

In November 2014, we entered into a sale-leaseback financing arrangement with a financial institution under which we sold a set of longwall shields and related equipment for \$55.9 million and leased the shields back under three individual leases. We account for these leases as capital lease obligations since ownership of the longwall shields and related equipment transfer back to us upon the completion of the leases. Principal and interest payments are due monthly over the five-year terms of the leases. Aggregate termination payments of \$2.8 million are due at the end of the lease terms. In August 2016, we executed waivers to cure outstanding defaults under the master lease agreements to our capital lease obligations which, among other things, increased the interest rate by one percent per annum. As of September 30, 2017, \$28.1 million was outstanding under these capital lease obligations.

In March 2012, we entered into a finance agreement with a financial institution to fund the manufacturing of longwall equipment. Upon taking possession of the longwall equipment, the interim longwall finance agreement was converted into six individual capital leases with maturities of four and five years beginning on September 1, 2012. Principal and interest payments are due monthly over the terms of the leases. In August 2016, we executed waivers to cure outstanding defaults under the master lease agreements to our capital lease obligations which, among other things, increased the interest rate by one percent per annum. As of September 30, 2017, no amount was outstanding under these capital lease obligations.

In May 2010, we entered into a credit agreement with a financial institution to provide financing for longwall equipment and related parts and accessories. The financing agreement also provided for financing of loan fees and eligible interest during the construction of the longwall equipment. The financing arrangement is collateralized by the longwall equipment. Interest accrues on the note at a fixed rate per annum of 5.555% and is due semiannually in March and September until maturity. Principal is due in semiannual payments through maturity. In August 2016, we entered into an amendment to the 5.555% longwall financing credit agreement under which the maturity accelerated by one year by increasing the last four semi-annual amortization payments. The maturity date of the 5.555% longwall financing arrangement is September 2019. In addition, on the Closing Date, certain covenants and definitions in the credit agreements and guaranty agreements were conformed to the covenants and definitions in the New Credit Facilities. The outstanding balance as of September 30, 2017 was \$30.9 million.

In January 2010, we entered into a credit agreement with a financial institution to provide financing for longwall equipment and related parts and accessories. The financing agreement also provided for financing of the loan fees and eligible interest during the construction of the longwall equipment. The financing arrangement is collateralized by the longwall equipment. Interest accrues on the note at a fixed rate per annum of 5.78% and is due semiannually in June and December until maturity. Principal is due in semiannual payments through maturity. In August 2016, we entered into an amendment to the 5.78% longwall financing credit agreement under which the maturity date was accelerated by one year by increasing the last three semi-annual amortization payments. The maturity date of the 5.78% longwall financing arrangement is June 2019. In addition, on the Closing Date, certain covenants and definitions in the credit agreements and guaranty agreements were conformed to the covenants and definitions in the New Credit Facilities. The outstanding balance as of September 30, 2017 was \$33.6 million.

### ***Sale-Leaseback Financing Arrangements***

In 2009, Macoupin sold certain of its coal reserves and rail facility assets to WPP and leased them back. The gross proceeds from this transaction were \$143.5 million. As Macoupin has continuing involvement in the assets sold, the transaction is treated as a financing arrangement. The Macoupin financing arrangement has been adjusted to fair value as part of pushdown accounting which resulted in an adjusted carrying value of \$133.2 million as of September 30, 2017 and an effective interest rate of 14.3%.

In 2012, Sugar Camp sold certain rail facility assets to HOD and leased them back. The gross proceeds from this transaction were \$50.0 million. As Sugar Camp has continuing involvement in the assets sold, the transaction is treated as a financing arrangement. The

Sugar Camp financing arrangement has been adjusted to fair value as part of pushdown accounting which resulted in an adjusted carrying value of \$67.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and an effective interest rate of 8.2%.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

In the normal course of business, we are a party to certain off-balance sheet arrangements, including operating leases, coal reserve leases, take-or-pay transportation obligations, indemnifications and financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, such as bank letters of credit and surety bonds. Liabilities related to these arrangements are generally not reflected in our consolidated balance sheets and, except for the coal reserve leases, take-or-pay transportation obligations and operating leases, we do not expect any material impact on our cash flows, results of operations or financial condition to result from these off-balance sheet arrangements.

From time to time, we use bank letters of credit to secure our obligations for certain contracts and other obligations. At September 30, 2017, we had \$11.5 million of letters of credit outstanding.

Regulatory authorities require us to provide financial assurance to secure, in whole or in part, our future reclamation projects. We had outstanding surety bonds with third parties of \$84.7 million as of September 30, 2017 to secure reclamation and other performance commitments, which are secured by \$4.5 million of our outstanding letters of credit.

### ***Related-Party Transactions***

See “Item 1. Financial Statements – Note 9. Related-Party Transactions” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. See also Part III. “Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017.

### ***Newly Adopted Accounting Standards and Accounting Standards Not Yet Implemented***

See “Item 1. Financial Statements – Note 2. New Accounting Standards” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions in certain circumstances that affect amounts reported in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and related footnotes. In preparing these financial statements, we have made our best estimates of certain amounts included in the financial statements. Application of these accounting policies and estimates, however, involves the exercise of judgment and use of assumptions as to future uncertainties, and as a result, actual results could differ from these estimates. In arriving at our critical accounting estimates, factors we consider include how accurate the estimates or assumptions have been in the past, how much the estimates or assumptions have changed and how reasonably likely such change may have a material impact. Our critical accounting policies and estimates are more fully described in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017. Other than as indicated in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q related to the application of pushdown accounting, there have been no significant changes to our prior critical accounting policies and estimates subsequent to December 31, 2016, or new accounting pronouncements impacting our results.

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

We define market risk as the risk of economic loss as a consequence of the adverse movement of market rates and prices. We believe our principal market risks include commodity price risk and interest rate risk, which are disclosed below.

#### ***Commodity Price Risk***

We have commodity price risk as a result of changes in the market value of our coal. We try to minimize this risk by entering into fixed price coal supply agreements and, from time to time, commodity hedge agreements.

As of September 30, 2017, we have 0.1 million tons economically hedged with forward coal derivative contracts tied to the API 2 coal price index to partially mitigate coal price risk through 2017. A 10% change in the API 2 index would result in a \$0.5 million change in the fair value of these derivative contracts.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

We are exposed to market risk associated with interest rates due to our existing level of indebtedness. At September 30, 2017, of our \$1.35 billion in long-term debt and capital lease obligations outstanding, \$833.8 million of outstanding borrowings have interest rates that fluctuate based on changes in market interest rates. A one percentage point increase in the interest rates related to our variable interest borrowings would result in an annualized increase in interest expense of approximately \$8.3 million.

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

We evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and principal financial officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2017. Based on that evaluation, our management, including our chief executive officer and principal financial officer, concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and is accumulated and communicated to our management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter to which this report relates 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.**

See Part I. “Item 1. Financial Statements –Note 12, Contingencies,” to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report relating to certain legal proceedings, which information is incorporated by reference herein. See also Part I. “Item 3. Legal Proceedings” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017.

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

You should carefully consider the risk factors discussed under Part I. “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017, which risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem to be immaterial, also may have a material adverse effect on our business, operations, financial condition or future results.

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

None.

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

None.

### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Information concerning mine safety violations or other regulatory matters required by SEC regulations is included in Exhibit 95.1 of this Form 10-Q.

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

In July 2017, the Partnership entered into a consulting agreement with Rashda M. Buttar, the Partnership’s former Senior Vice-President, General Counsel, & Corporate Secretary. Pursuant to the agreement, Ms. Buttar will provide consulting services with respect to corporate governance, legal compliance, and other matters as may be requested and specified by the Partnership. The agreement provides for an initial term of one year and will automatically renew for a second year, subject to the Partnership’s right to terminate the agreement on 60 days’ notice. Ms. Buttar shall be entitled to per diem compensation for work devoted to the services described above and to reimbursement of expenses, including COBRA continuation coverage until December 31, 2017, and professional liability insurance.

## Item 6. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	<u>Certificate of Limited Partnership of Foresight Energy LP (f/k/a Foresight Energy Partners LP) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on February 2, 2012 (SEC File No. 333-179304)).</u>
3.2	<u>First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Foresight Energy LP (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 23, 2014 (SEC File No. 001-36503)).</u>
3.3	<u>First Amendment to First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Foresight Energy LP, dated as of August 30, 2016, entered into by Foresight Energy GP LLC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 6, 2016 (SEC File No. 001-36503)).</u>
10.1*	<u>Consulting Agreement between Foresight Energy LP and Rashda M. Buttar dated July 24, 2017.</u>
31.1*	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended.</u>
31.2*	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended.</u>
32.1**	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2012.</u>
32.2**	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2012.</u>
95.1*	<u>Mine Safety Disclosure Exhibit.</u>
101*	Interactive Data File (Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017) filed in XBRL. The financial information contained in the XBRL-related documents is “unaudited” and “unreviewed”.
*	Filed herewith.
**	Furnished

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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 on November 9, 2017.

Foresight Energy LP

By: Foresight Energy GP LLC,  
its general partner

/s/ Robert D. Moore

Robert D. Moore

*President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer*

/s/ Jeremy J. Harrison

Jeremy J. Harrison

*Principal Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer*

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## Section 2: EX-10.1 (EX-10.1)

**Exhibit 10.1**

### CONSULTING AGREEMENT

THIS CONSULTING AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) between Rashda M. Buttar, (“Consultant”), with a mailing address of 44 Broadview Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105, and FORESIGHT ENERGY LP, (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”), with a mailing address of 211 North Broadway, Suite 2600, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, effective as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company is engaged in the business of coal mining; and

WHEREAS, Company may be in need of certain consulting services regarding corporate governance, legal compliance and other matters related to coal mining and may be desirous of engaging Consultant to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, Consultant is knowledgeable in the area of corporate governance, legal compliance, and other matters related to coal mining and is willing and able to perform such consulting services, if requested by Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual understandings, promises, and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. The Consultant will perform certain consulting services with respect to corporate governance, legal compliance and other matters, (hereinafter called “Services”) as may be requested and specified by the Company, and mutually agreed to by both parties.

2. Nature of the Work. Consultant agrees to provide Services, and consult and advise the Company, at such



times and places as Consultant and Company may reasonably agree.

3. Independent Contractor. Consultant shall act solely as an independent contractor in performing the Services hereunder. Accordingly, Consultant shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, including federal, state, and local taxes arising out of Consultant's activities in accordance with this Agreement. Consultant shall not be deemed to be an employee or agent of Company for any purpose whatsoever. Consultant shall not have any authority to bind Company in any relationship with third parties unless specifically authorized in writing by an officer of the Company.

4. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be for an initial period of one (1) year, commencing on July 24, 2017 and continuing through July 24, 2018 and shall renew for an additional one (1) year period unless terminated as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason, including, but not limited to, the decision not to proceed with the Services or to have the Services performed by others, or the dissatisfaction with the Consultant's performance, with written notice to Consultant, sixty (60) days in advance of such termination. In case of such termination, Company shall pay Consultant all unpaid compensation with respect to the terminated Services earned to date of termination, less such amount, if any, that Company may, in good faith, claim as a result of such default or failure. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to any prospective profits or prospective overhead because of such early termination of the Services or any part thereof. The Consultant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, for any reason, with a written notice to the Company, sixty (60) days in advance of such termination.

5. Compensation and Payment. As compensation for the Services provided by Consultant hereunder, Company shall pay Consultant Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) per diem for work devoted to the Services identified in Section 2, with no minimum or maximum of days usage.

The Company shall also reimburse Consultant the actual cost of expenses wholly and necessarily incurred in connection with performance of Services, including but not necessarily restricted to the following categories of expense.

- Reasonable hotel expenses and meals
- For domestic travel, economy class airfare plus local travel by means of public transportation, rental car or taxi
- For international travel, business class airfare plus local travel by means of public transportation, rental car or taxi
- Telephone calls, reproduction and other similar and necessary expenses
- Costs of COBRA continuation coverage for Consultant, on the same terms as was previously obtained during the term of Consultant's employment, until December 31, 2017

Consultant shall not incur reimbursable travel expenses without the prior consent of Company. All other expenses of Consultant shall be reimbursed by the Company when those expenses are pre-approved by the Company.

Consultant shall, on or about the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month, submit to Company a fully substantiated invoice for all days spent by Consultant in performing the Services, for all reimbursable travel expenses, and for expenses required for performing the Services during the previous month. Company shall pay any such proper invoice within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

Consultant shall be covered under Company's professional liability insurance.

6. Outside Activities. Consultant shall be free, during the term of this Agreement, to be otherwise employed and to consult, advise, direct, manage, or render other related or unrelated services to any person, corporation, or other entity for compensation, provided, however, that Consultant shall not render any services to any other person, corporation, or entity which directly conflicts with the interests of Company, (hereinafter called "Direct Conflicts"). Direct Conflicts are limited to and defined as work performed on reserves or mines for which the Company is actively evaluating for purchase or acquisition or as work performed on subsidiary operations of the Company on behalf of any person, corporation, or other entity.

7. The Parties to this Agreement acknowledge that an attorney-client relationship has existed and exists between the Company and the Consultant, who is an attorney. The Parties further acknowledge that the Consultant was formerly the General Counsel of the Company and possesses a knowledge and information relating to the Company and its business, which was gained in the Consultant's former capacity as General Counsel. The Parties agree that a principal purpose of this Agreement is to obtain the present and future benefit for the Company of said knowledge and information in the provision by the Consultant of legal services and rendering of legal advice to the Company during the term of this Agreement. Both Parties intend that communications between and among the Consultant, the Company and the Company's outside legal counsel shall be and remain both confidential and subject to the attorney-client privilege, even after the termination of this Agreement.

8. Right to Use Data and Information; Confidential Information.

A. All information and material acquired or developed by Consultant performing services pursuant to this Agreement shall become the exclusive property of the Company. Company shall have full right to use, in any manner, when and where it may determine, without any claim on the part of Consultant for additional compensation, all information, data, drawings, designs, specifications, reports, findings, recommendations and memoranda of every description relating to the Services furnished to Company hereunder.

B. Consultant shall not, without Company's prior written consent, disclose to any other person, corporation or entity, or make any use for consultant's benefit of any data or information concerning the Company or the Services being performed by Consultant for Company. Upon request of Company, Consultant shall return to Company all such written data or information and shall not retain or permit others to retain any reproduction or copy thereof.

9. Notices. All notices and other communications required or given pursuant to this Agreement shall be effective upon the mailing thereof, postage prepaid, to the party entitled, at the addresses shown above.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the Services, and supersedes and merges all prior discussions and writings between Consultant and Company as to any Services to be performed by Consultant for Company.

11. Amendment. This Agreement shall not be modified, altered, or amended, except in writing, duly executed by the parties hereto.

12. Non-Assignment. Inasmuch as this is an agreement for the personal services of Consultant, Consultant shall have no right to assign to any person, corporation, or other entity any or all of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio.

14. Section Headings. The section headings in this Agreement are for convenience and reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect any provision hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties as of the date stated at the beginning of this Agreement, effective as of the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

CONSULTANT:

COMPANY:

RASHDA M. BUTTAR

FORESIGHT ENERGY, LP

/s/ Rashda M. Buttar

By /s/ Robert D. Moore

Rashda M. Buttar

Robert D. Moore  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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### **Section 3: EX-31.1 (EX-31.1)**

**Exhibit 31.1**

**Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to  
Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Robert D. Moore certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Foresight Energy LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusion about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017

/s/ Robert D. Moore

Robert D. Moore

*President, Chairman and Chief*

*Executive Officer*

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## Section 4: EX-31.2 (EX-31.2)

Exhibit 31.2

**Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to  
Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Jeremy J. Harrison certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Foresight Energy LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusion about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially

- affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017

/s/ Jeremy J. Harrison

Jeremy J. Harrison

*Principal Financial Officer and*

*Chief Accounting Officer*

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## Section 5: EX-32.1 (EX-32.1)

Exhibit 32.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Foresight Energy LP (the "Partnership") on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert D. Moore, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Foresight Energy GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Partnership.

By: /s/ Robert D. Moore

Robert D. Moore

*President, Chief Executive Officer and Director  
of Foresight Energy GP, LLC*

Date: November 9, 2017

This certification accompanies this Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not be deemed filed by the Partnership for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under that section. This certification shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Partnership specifically incorporates it by reference. A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Partnership and will be retained by the Partnership and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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## Section 6: EX-32.2 (EX-32.2)

Exhibit 32.2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Foresight Energy LP (the “Partnership”) on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Jeremy J. Harrison, Principal Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer of Foresight Energy GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Partnership.

By: /s/ Jeremy J. Harrison  
Jeremy J. Harrison  
Principal Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer  
of Foresight Energy GP, LLC

Date: November 9, 2017

This certification accompanies this Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not be deemed filed by the Partnership for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under that section. This certification shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Partnership specifically incorporates it by reference. A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Partnership and will be retained by the Partnership and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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## Section 7: EX-95.1 (EX-95.1)

**Exhibit 95.1**

### MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Our mine operations are subject to regulation by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”) under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the “Mine Act”). MSHA inspects our mines on a regular basis and issues various citations and orders to our operators when its inspectors believe that a violation has occurred under the Mine Act. We disclose information regarding certain citations and orders issued by MSHA and related assessments and legal actions with respect to our coal mining operations. In evaluating the below information regarding mine safety and health, investors should take into account factors such as: (i) the number of citations and orders will vary depending on the size of a coal mine, (ii) the number of citations issued will vary from inspector to inspector and mine to mine, and (iii) citations and orders can be contested and appealed, and in that process are often reduced in severity and amount, and are sometimes dismissed or vacated.

Section 1503 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) requires issuers to include in periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) certain information relating to citations and orders for violations of standards under the Mine Act. The following tables disclose information required under the Dodd-Frank Act for the three month period ended September 30, 2017.

Mine Name / MSHA Identification Number	Section 104 S&S Citations Excluding 104(d) Citations / Orders (#)(1)	Section 104(b) Orders (#)(2)	Section 104(d) Citations and Orders (#)(3)	Section 110(b)(2) Violations (#)(4)	Section 107(a) Orders (#)(5)	Total Dollar Value of MSHA Assessments Proposed in Thousands (\$) (6)	Total Number of Mining Related Fatalities (#)(7)	Received Notice of Pattern of Violations Under Section 104 (e) (yes/no) (8)	Legal Actions Pending as of Last Day of Period (#) (9)	Legal Actions Initiated During Period (#) (9)	Legal Actions Resolved During Period (#) (9)
Mach No. 1 / 1103141	23	0	0	0	0	\$40.85	0	No	11	4	3



MC No. 1 / 1103189	21	0	0	0	0	\$67.73	0	No	55	6	9
Deer Run / 1103182	2	0	0	0	0	\$0.003	0	No	3	0	0
Shay No. 1 / 1100726	9	0	0	0	0	\$18.71	0	No	7	2	2

- (1) Mine Act Section 104 citations and orders for alleged violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could significantly and substantially contribute to a coal mine safety or health hazard. Excludes 104(d) orders.
- (2) Mine Act Section 104(b) orders are for alleged failures to totally abate a citation within the period of time specified in the citation.
- (3) Mine Act Section 104(d) citations and orders are for an alleged unwarrantable failure to comply with mandatory health or safety standards.
- (4) Total number of flagrant violations issued under Section 110(b)(2) of the Mine Act.

- (5) Mine Act Section 107(a) orders are for alleged conditions or practices that could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm before such condition or practice can be abated and result in orders of immediate withdrawal from the area of the mine affected by the condition.
- (6) Total dollar value of MSHA assessments proposed during the three months ended September 30, 2017. These figures do not necessarily relate to the citations or orders issued by MSHA during the current reporting period or to the pending cases reported herein. Note that these figures represent assessments proposed by MSHA during the three months ended September 30, 2017, including those contested or appealed.
- (7) Total number of mining related fatalities during the three months ended September 30, 2017.
- (8) Mine Act Section 104(e) written notices are for an alleged pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could significantly and substantially contribute to a coal mine health or safety hazard.
- (9) Any pending legal action before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (the “Commission”) involving a coal mine owned and operated by us. The number of legal actions pending as of September 30, 2017 that fall into each of the following categories is as follows:

Mine Name / MSHA Identification Number	Contests of Citations/Orders referenced in Subpart B, 29CFR Part 2700	Contests of Proposed Penalties referenced in Subpart C, 29CFR Part 2700		Complaints for compensation referenced in Subpart D, 29CFR Part 2700	Complaints for discharge, discrimination, or interference referenced in Subpart E, 29CFR Part 2700	Applications for temporary relief referenced in Subpart F, 29CFR Part 2700	Appeals of judges' decisions or orders to FMSHRC referenced in Subpart H 29CFR Part 2700
		Dockets	Citations and Orders				
Mach No. 1 / 1103141	2	6	72	0	0	0	3
MC No. 1 / 1103189	37	17	100	0	0	0	1
Deer Run / 1103182	0	3	6	0	0	0	0
Shay No. 1 / 1100726	0	7	21	0	0	0	0

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