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LINN Operations
Berry Operations
LINN Overview
East Goldsmith
Field Acquisition
LINN Energy IPO in 2006 with initial

enterprise value of ~\$713 million

Large, long-life diversified reserve base

(\$ in billions)

Current

(1)

PF Berry

(1)(2)

Equity market cap

\$7.5

\$10.7

Total net debt

7.0

8.8

Enterprise value

\$14.5

\$19.5

Note: Market data as of November 4, 2013 (LINE and LNCO closing prices of \$31.80 and \$33.36 respectively). Unless noted otherwise, all operational and reserve data as of December 31, 2012. Estimates of proved reserves for the East

Goldsmith Field acquisition were calculated as of the effective date of the acquisition using forward strip oil and natural

gas

prices,

which

differ

from

estimates

calculated

in

accordance

with

SEC rules and regulations. Estimates of proved

reserves for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition based solely on data provided by seller.

(1)

Pro forma for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition and \$500 million term loan facility.

(2)

Pro forma for pending merger with Berry Petroleum (Berry), which remains subject to closing conditions, including completion of SEC review of pending Registration Statement on Form S-4 and subsequent shareholder and unitholder approval.

(3)

Pro forma for the East Goldsmith Field acquisition and Panther divestiture.

(4)

Well count does not include ~2,500 royalty interest wells.

(\$ in billions)

Current

(3)

PF Berry

(2)(3)

Total proved reserves

~5.0 Tcfe

~6.6 Tcfe

% proved developed

64%
62%
% liquids
47%
54%
Reserve life-index
~17 years
~17 years
Gross productive wells
(4)
~16,000
~19,000
Corporate
Headquarters
(Houston)
NM
TX
KS
IL
LA
MI
ND
OK
CA
East Texas
WY
UT
CO
California
Uinta Basin
Piceance
Basin
Permian Basin

MLP and Independent E&P Rankings

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

(1)

Pro forma for pending Berry transaction, which remains subject to closing conditions, including completion of SEC review of shareholder and unitholder approvals.

LINN is one of the largest MLP and independent E&P companies

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th
largest public MLP / LLC
18
th
largest domestic independent oil & natural gas company
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Rank
Master Limited Partnership
Enterprise Value (\$MM)
Rank
Independent E&P
Enterprise Value (\$MM)
1.
Enterprise Products Partners
\$76,272
1.
ConocoPhillips
\$107,892
2.
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners
\$56,267
2.
Occidental Petroleum Corp.
\$82,744
3.
Energy Transfer Equity
\$56,048
3.
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.
\$59,803
4.
Energy Transfer Partners
\$46,065
4.
EOG Resources Inc.
\$54,972
5.
Williams Partners
\$31,313
5.
Apache Corp.
\$44,858
6.
Plains All American Pipeline
\$25,659
6.
Chesapeake Energy Corp.
\$36,157
7.
Linn Energy LLC (PF Berry)

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

\$13,012

15.

Range Resources Corp.

\$15,583

16.

Boardwalk Pipeline Partners

\$11,299

16.

Concho Resources Inc.

\$15,434

17.

Western Gas Equity Partners

\$10,894

17.

Southwestern Energy Co.

\$15,207

18.

Sunoco Logistics Partners

\$9,645

18.

LINN Energy LLC

\$14,534

19.

Buckeye Partners

\$9,601

19.

Murphy Oil Corp.

\$12,749

20.

Regency Energy Partners

\$9,289

20.

Denbury Resources Inc.

\$10,486

21.

Spectra Energy Partners

\$9,080

21.

Cimarex Energy Co.

\$10,065

22.

Targa Resources Partners

\$8,542

22.

Whiting Petroleum Corp.

\$9,949

23.

Western Gas Partners

\$8,260

23.

QEP Resources Inc.

\$9,255

24.

Atlas Energy LP

\$7,657

24.

Cobalt International Energy

\$9,216

25.

Amerigas Partners

\$6,585

25.

MDU Resources Group Inc.

\$7,793

First-ever acquisition of a public C-Corp by a
MLP / LLC

Long-life, low-decline, mature assets

Pending Berry Transaction

Overview

(1)

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

Proved Reserves
Q3'13 Production
~41 MBoe/d
~1.65 Tcfe
Corporate
Headquarters
(Denver)
TX
CA
East Texas
CO
Berry Operations
Permian
UT
Uinta
Piceance
Oil
Natural Gas
California
Berry Operations Map
Transaction Update
LINN filed Amendment No. 7 to its Registration
Statement on Form S-4 on November 6
Expect to hold unitholder / shareholder votes
in mid-December
Valued at ~\$4.9 billion, including debt
Transaction Highlights
~15% decline rate
Reserve life of >18 years
Increases LINN's production by ~30%
Increases LINN's liquids exposure
Berry's reserves are ~75% liquids
Dominant California position
Upon
closing,
LINN
will
be
the
5
th
largest
producer
in California
Significant additional resources
Probable and possible reserves total ~3.8 Tcfe
Permian
20%
Uinta
20%

East TX and
Piceance
10%
California
50%
NGLs
7%
Natural
Gas
26%
Oil
67%

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Excellent MLP

Assets

Low decline rate of ~15% and reserve life of >18 years

Proved reserves of ~1.65 Tcfe

Current production of ~41,000 Boe/d

Significantly

Improves Credit

Metrics

100% stock-for-stock transaction significantly improves leverage

Geographic

Synergies

California, Permian and East Texas assets complement LINN's existing positions in these areas

o

Following

closing,

LINN

will

be

the

5

th

largest

producer

in

California

Attractive entry into new core area in the Uinta Basin

Liquids

Focused

(1)

~75% liquids, high-margin assets with excellent operating margins

Increases liquids exposure to 54% of proved reserves from 47%, as of December 31, 2012

o

Decreases LINN's NGL exposure (as a % of total production)

Strategic-Fit

With LINN

Energy

Expected to be accretive to cash available for distribution

o

Potential for additional operational synergies

Tax efficient for both LinnCo and Berry shareholders

(1)

As of December 31, 2012, pro forma for announced merger.

Pending Berry Transaction

Strategic Rationale

East Goldsmith
Area
Central Basin Platform
Acquisition Acreage
Proved Location Area
PROB Location Area
Asset Overview

Net production ~4,800 Boe/d

Proved reserves of ~30 MMBoe (~70% oil)

o

Large infill drilling inventory

Reserves-to-production ratio of ~17 years

~98% operated working interest

124 producing wells on 6,250 net acres

o

Majority held by production

Platform for Growth

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

o

Proven downspacing from 40 acres to 10
acres

Future Clearfork waterflood

o

Additional reserve potential of ~24 MMBoe

CO

2

flood potential in Glorieta, San Andres and
Holt intervals

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East Goldsmith Field

\$525 million acquisition of
properties located in the Central Basin Platform of
the Permian Basin closed on October 31.

East Goldsmith Field Acquisition

Ector County

LINN Operational Update
8
Granite Wash
8 rigs drilling in the region
0
2
rigs

targeting
the
Hogshooter
interval
in
the
Mayfield
area
of
western
Oklahoma

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

Permian Basin

4 rigs drilling vertical Wolfberry wells

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

Potential for horizontal Wolfcamp and Spraberry

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

- o
Expect to spud 1 operated horizontal Wolfcamp well in late 2013 or early 2014

Jonah Field

2 rigs drilling in the region

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

Hugoton Field

Commenced 1-rig drilling program in Q2 13

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

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

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

the
 East
 Goldsmith
 Field
 acquisition,
 which
 closed
 on
 October
 31.
 LINN
 Berry
 Credit facility
 (1)
 \$1,733
 Credit facility
 \$636
 Term loan due 2018
 (1)
 500
 Senior notes:
 Senior notes:
 6.50% Senior notes due 2019
 750
 10.25% Senior notes due 2014
 205
 6.25% Senior notes due 2019
 1,800
 6.75% Senior notes due 2020
 300
 8.625% Senior notes due 2020
 1,300
 6.375% Senior notes due 2022
 600
 7.75% Senior notes due 2021
 1,000
 1,105
 4,850
 Total debt
 \$7,083
 Total debt
 \$1,741
 Credit facility note amount
 \$4,000
 Credit facility note amount
 \$1,200
 Less: outstanding borrowings + LCs
 (1,738)
 Less: outstanding borrowings + LCs
 (663)

Undrawn capacity

\$2,262

Undrawn capacity

\$537

Debt Summary

Debt Summary

Liquidity

Liquidity

LinnCo Structure
10
LINE
Unitholders
LLC
Units
LNCO

Shareholders

LinnCo

Common

Shares

Current *distribution*

of \$2.90 / unit

(1)

Schedule K-1 (partnership)

LINE

LNCO

Current *dividend*

of \$2.90 / share

(2)

Form 1099 (C-Corp.)

LLC

Units

Investors now have the ability to own LINN Energy two ways:

LINE (Partnership for tax purposes / K-1)

LNCO (C-Corp. for tax purposes / 1099)

Tax liability to LinnCo on LINN

Energy's distribution estimated to

be \$0.00, \$0.01 and \$0.07 per

share for 2013, 2014 and 2015,

respectively.

\$2.90

Distribution

\$2.90

Distribution

\$2.90

Dividend

(1)

Represents the Q3 '13 cash distribution of \$0.725 per unit.

(2)

Represents the Q3 '13 cash dividend of \$0.725 per share.

LINN Energy, LLC

LINN Has Created an Acquisition Machine

Screened 189

opportunities

Bid 41 for ~\$10.1

billion

Closed 13 for

~\$1.4 billion

Screened 122
opportunities
Bid 31 for ~\$7.5
billion

Closed 12 for
~\$1.5 billion

Note:

Asset
Acquisitions
based
on
total
consideration.

(1)

(2)

(2)

Historical Acquisitions and Joint Venture

11

Screened 246
opportunities

Bid 20 for ~\$9.2
billion

Closed 7 for ~\$2.9
billion

2010

2011

2012

Total ~\$11.2 Billion

Since 2010

YTD 2013

(1)

Screened 222
opportunities

Bid 9 for ~\$3.0
billion

Closed 2 for ~\$566
million

Asset Acquisitions

Pending Berry Transaction

\$4,925

\$566

\$1,367

\$1,513

\$2,850

\$5,491

\$0

\$1,000

\$2,000

\$3,000

\$4,000

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\$5,000

\$6,000

2010

2011

2012

2013TD

Data as of November 1, 2013.

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

Growth Through Accretive Acquisitions

Value of Acquisitions Per Year

(1)

12

~\$15 billion of acquisitions in the Company's history

Includes 60 separate transactions

(1)

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(1)

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

(2)

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

(2)

\$452

\$2,627

\$601

\$1,367

\$1,513

\$2,850

\$566

\$4,925

\$52

\$78

\$202

\$654

\$3,281

\$3,882

\$4,000

\$5,367

\$6,880

\$9,730

\$15,221

\$0

\$2,000

\$4,000

\$6,000

\$8,000

\$10,000

\$12,000

\$14,000

\$16,000

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013TD

Cumulative Acquisitions

Acquisitions Completed In Year

C-Corp Acquisition

Natural Gas Positions

Percent Puts

(3)

Swaps

Puts

(2)

13

LINN is hedged ~100% on expected natural gas production through 2017; and
~100% on expected oil production through 2016

Puts provide price upside opportunity

Oil Positions

Percent Puts

(3)

Swaps

(4)

Puts

Note: Except as otherwise indicated, illustrations represent full-year hedge positions as of September 30, 2013.

Significant Hedge Position

(Does Not Include Pending Berry Transaction)

(1)

(1)

\$5.22

\$5.25

\$5.19

\$4.20

\$4.26

\$5.42

\$5.00

\$5.00

\$5.00

\$4.88

\$5.00

-

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

450

500

550

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

\$5.12

\$5.14

\$5.31

46%

41%

34%

\$4.48

\$4.48
35%
36%
\$94.97
\$92.92
\$96.23
\$90.56
\$89.02
\$97.86
\$91.30
\$90.00
\$90.00
\$90.00
-
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
30,000
35,000
40,000
45,000
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
\$94.81
\$90.44
25%
23%
21%
22%
\$95.57
\$92.52
\$89.10
7%

(1)
Represents the period October-December 2013.

(2)
Excludes natural gas puts used to indirectly hedge NGL revenues.

(3)
Calculated as percentage of hedged volume in the form of puts.

(4)
Includes certain outstanding fixed price oil swaps of approximately 5,384 MBbls which may be extended annually at prices of December 31, 2018, and \$90.00 per Bbl for the year ending December 31, 2019, if the counterparties determine that the strike year. The extension for each year is exercisable without respect to the other years.

C-Corp. Peers

% Hedged

(1)

Note: LINN's hedge percentages based on internal estimates. Excludes NGL production and natural gas puts used to hedge N

Source: Production estimates based on Bloomberg consensus, and hedge information based on publicly available sources.

(1)

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

(2)

Represents simple average and peer group includes: BBEP, EVEP, LGCY, LRE, MEMP, MCEP, PSE, QRE and VNR. LINN's cash flow is notably more protected from oil and natural gas price uncertainty than its C-Corp. and Upstream MLP / LLC peers

Significant Hedge Position (Equivalent Basis)

(Does Not Include Pending Berry Transaction)

% Swaps

% Puts

14

Upstream MLP / LLC

Peers % Hedged

(2)

63%

65%

70%

69%

54%

37%

35%

30%

31%

25%

100%

100%

100%

100%

79%

47%

20%

4%

1%

1%

71%

49%

29%

16%

9%

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

100%

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

0.40
0.43
0.52
0.52
0.57
0.57
0.63

0.63
0.63
0.63
0.63
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0.63
0.63
0.66
0.66
0.66
0.69
0.69
0.69
0.73
0.73
0.73
0.73
0.73
0.73
0.73
\$0.40
\$0.80
\$1.23
\$1.75
\$2.27
\$2.84
\$3.41
\$4.04
\$4.67
\$5.30
\$5.93
\$6.56
\$7.19
\$7.82
\$8.45
\$9.08
\$9.71
\$10.34
\$11.00
\$11.66
\$12.32
\$13.01
\$13.70
\$14.39
\$15.12
\$15.84
\$16.57

\$17.29
\$18.02
\$18.74
\$19.47
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\$2.00
\$4.00
\$6.00
\$8.00
\$10.00
\$12.00
\$14.00
\$16.00
\$18.00
\$20.00

Q1
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Q3
Q4
Q1
Q2
Q3

Distribution History
Distribution History
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Quarterly Distribution

Cumulative Distribution

Consistently paid distribution for 31 quarters

81% increase in quarterly distribution since January 2006 IPO

(1)

(1)

The Q1 2006 distribution, adjusted for the partial period from the Company's closing of the IPO on January 19, 2006 through M

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

(1)

2012

2013

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

LINN
Total
Return
and
Unit
Price

Appreciation
(LINE
IPO

Present
of
~201%)

LINN Historical Return
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LINE Total Return (TR)
LINE Price Appreciation
Alerian MLP TR Index
LINE Total Return (TR)
LINE Price Appreciation
Alerian MLP TR Index
S&P Mid

-

Cap E&P TR Index
S&P 500 TR Index

~62%
~82%
~51%
~206%
~201%
(50%)
0%
50%
100%
150%
200%
250%
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013

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Size Advantage in E&P MLP/LLC Market

LINN has a significant size advantage in the E&P MLP / LLC market

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

E&P sector has room to grow; \$40 billion
versus \$634 billion for all other sectors

LINE vs. Other Upstream MLPs

MLP / LLC Total EV: \$674 Billion

\$40

Billion

\$634

Billion

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

(1)

Pro forma for pending Berry transaction, which remains subject to closing conditions, including completion of SEC review of
unitholder approvals.

E&P MLP /

LLC

6%

All Others

94%

Greater access to capital markets

Ability to complete larger transactions

Vanguard

Breitburn

EV Energy

Legacy

QR Energy

Atlas Resource

Pioneer

Memorial

LRR Energy

Mid-Con Energy

New Source Energy

\$14.5 Billion

\$20.5 Billion

\$0.0

\$5.0

\$10.0

\$15.0

\$20.0

LINN Energy

All Others

(11 MLPs)

LINN (PF Berry)

(1)

\$19.5 Billion

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

19
Proved Reserves
Region
Proved
Reserves
(Bcfe)
% Natural

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

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

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The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) permits oil and gas companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only resources that qualify as "reserves" as defined by SEC rules. We use terms describing hydrocarbon quantities in this presentation including inventory and resource potential that the SEC s guidelines prohibit us from including in filings with the SEC. These estimates are by their nature more speculative than estimates of reserves prepared in accordance with SEC definitions and guidelines and accordingly are substantially less certain. Investors are urged to consider closely the reserves disclosures in LINN Energy s

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, available from LINN Energy at 600 Travis, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77002 (Attn: Investor Relations). You can also obtain this report from the SEC by calling 1-800-SEC-0330 or from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

In this communication, the terms other than proved reserves refer to the Company's internal estimates of hydrocarbon volumes that may be potentially discovered through exploratory drilling or recovered with additional drilling or recovery techniques. Those estimates may be based on economic assumptions with regard to commodity prices that may differ from the prices required by the SEC to be used in calculating proved reserves. In addition, these hydrocarbon volumes may not constitute reserves within the meaning of the Society of Petroleum Engineer's Petroleum Resource Management System or the SEC's oil and gas disclosure rules. Unless otherwise stated, hydrocarbon volume estimates have not been risked by Company management. Factors affecting ultimate recovery include the scope of our ongoing drilling program, which will be directly affected by the availability of capital, drilling and production costs, commodity prices, availability of drilling services and equipment, drilling results, lease expirations, transportation constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors, and actual drilling results, including geological and mechanical factors affecting recovery rates. Accordingly, actual quantities that may be ultimately recovered from the Company's interests may differ substantially from the Company's estimates of potential resources. In addition, our estimates of reserves may change significantly as development of the Company's resource plays and prospects provide additional data.

Additional Information about the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It

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

Participants in the Solicitation

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

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This document contains forward-looking statements, which are all statements other than statements of historical facts. These forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Important economic, political, regulatory, legal, technological, competitive and other uncertainties are identified in the documents filed with the SEC by LINN and LinnCo from time to time, including their respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K. The forward-looking statements including in this press release are made only as of the date hereof. None of LINN nor LinnCo undertakes any obligation to update the forward-looking statements included in this press release to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.