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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 10**

**GENERAL FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**ATLANTIC POWER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**British Columbia, Canada**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**55-0886410**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Clarendon Street, Floor 25**  
**Boston, Massachusetts, USA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

**02116**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(617) 977-2400**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class  
to be registered**  
Common Stock, no par value

**Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered**  
New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

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

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Smaller reporting company

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**GENERAL**

Certain capitalized terms used in this registration statement have the meaning set out under "Glossary of Terms." In this registration statement, references to "Cdn\$" and "Canadian dollars" are to the lawful currency of Canada and references to "\$" and "US\$" and "U.S. dollars" are to the lawful currency of the United States. All dollar amounts herein are in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Unless otherwise stated, or the context otherwise requires, references in this registration statement to "we," "us," "our" and "Atlantic Power" refer to Atlantic Power Corporation, those entities owned or controlled by Atlantic Power Corporation and predecessors of Atlantic Power Corporation.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this registration statement, including documents incorporated by reference herein, constitute "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "outlook," "objective," "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "should," "plans," or "continue," or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. Examples of such statements in this registration statement include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the following:

expected opportunities for accretive acquisitions;

our planned application to have our common shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange;

the expectation that our cash on hand and projected future cash flows from existing projects will be adequate to meet the current level of cash distributions to shareholders into 2015 without additional acquisitions or organic growth;

the amount of distributions expected to be received from the projects for the full year 2010;

estimated net cash tax refund in 2010;

estimated levels of cash flow and estimated payout ratios for 2010, 2011 and 2012;

our forecast of expected annual cash distributions from the Lake and Auburndale projects through 2012; and

the expected resumption of distributions from our Chambers project in 2010 and our Selkirk project in 2011.

Such forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations regarding future events and operating performance and speak only as of the date of this registration statement. Such forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to the assumption that the projects will operate and perform in accordance with our expectations. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not or the times at or by which such performance or results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed under "Risk Factors." Our business is both competitive and subject to various risks.

These risks include, without limitation:

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a reduction in revenue upon expiration or termination of power purchase agreements;

the dependence of our projects on their electricity, thermal energy and transmission services customers;

exposure of certain of our projects to fluctuations in the price of electricity;

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projects not operating to plan;

the impact of significant environmental and other regulations on our projects;

increased competition, including for acquisitions; and

our limited control over the operation of certain minority-owned projects.

Other factors, such as general economic conditions, including exchange rate fluctuations, also may have an effect on the results of our operations. Many of these risks and uncertainties can affect our actual results and could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement made by us or on our behalf. For a description of risks that could cause our actual results to materially differ from our current expectations, please see "Risk Factors" in this registration statement.

Material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making an estimate set out in the forward-looking information include third party projections of regional fuel and electric capacity and energy prices or cash flows that are based on assumptions about future economic conditions and courses of action. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this registration statement are based upon what are believed to be reasonable assumptions, investors cannot be assured that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements, and the differences may be material. Certain statements included in this registration statement may be considered "financial outlook" for the purposes of applicable securities laws, and such financial outlook may not be appropriate for purposes other than this registration statement.

These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this annual information form and, except as expressly required by applicable law, we assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.

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**ITEM 1. BUSINESS.**

**OVERVIEW**

Atlantic Power Corporation is a leading independent power producer, with power projects located in major markets in the United States. Our current portfolio consists of interests in 12 operational power generation projects across eight states, a 500 kilovolt 84-mile electric transmission line located in California, and six development projects in five states. Our power generation projects have an aggregate gross electric generation capacity of approximately 1,823 megawatts (or "MW") in which our ownership interest is approximately 808 MW.

The following map shows the location of our projects, including joint venture interests, across the United States:

We sell the capacity and power from our projects under power purchase agreements (or "PPAs") with a variety of utilities and other parties. Under the PPAs, which have expiration dates ranging from 2010 to 2037, we receive payments for electric energy sold to our customers (known as energy payments), in addition to payments for electric generation capacity (known as capacity payments). We also sell steam from a number of our projects under steam sales agreements to industrial purchasers. The transmission system rights (or "TSRs") we own in our power transmission project entitle us to payments indirectly from the utilities that make use of the transmission line.

Our coal and natural gas-powered projects generally operate pursuant to long-term supply agreements, typically accompanied by fuel transportation arrangements. In most cases, the fuel supply and transportation arrangements correspond to the term of the relevant PPAs and most of the PPAs and steam sales agreements provide for the pass-through or indexing of fuel costs to our customers.

We partner with recognized leaders in the independent power business to operate and maintain our projects, including Caithness Energy, LLC, Cogentrix Energy, Inc. and the Western Area Power Administration. Under these operation, maintenance and management agreements, the operator is typically responsible for operations, maintenance and repair services.

Atlantic Power Corporation is organized under the laws of the Province of British Columbia. Our registered office is located at 355 Burrard Street, Suite 1900, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2G8

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and our headquarters are located at 200 Clarendon Street, Floor 25, Boston, Massachusetts, USA 02116. Our website is atlanticpower.com. Information contained on our website is not part of this registration statement.

We completed our initial public offering on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: ATP) in November 2004 and have applied to have our common shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol [" "].

**OUR COMPETITIVE STRENGTHS**

***Diversified Projects.*** Our power generation projects have an aggregate gross electric generation capacity of approximately 1,823 MW, and our net ownership interest in the electric generation capacity of these projects is approximately 808 MW. Our power generation projects are diversified by geographic location, electricity and steam customers, and project operators. These projects are diversified across most of the deregulated and more liquid electricity markets in New England, New York, Mid-Atlantic, California and Texas, or are located in regions of high electricity demand growth such as Florida and New Mexico.

The power transmission project, known as Path 15, is an 84-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line built in order to alleviate north-south transmission congestion in California. It is a traditional rate-base asset whose revenues are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and is operated by the Western Area Power Administration, a U.S. Federal power agency.

***Strong Customer Base.*** Our customers are generally large utilities, and other parties with investment-grade credit ratings. The largest customers of our power generation projects are Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF"), Tampa Electric Company ("TECO"), and Atlantic City Electric ("ACE"), which purchase approximately 40%, 15% and 11%, respectively, of the net electric generation capacity of our projects. No other electric customer purchases more than 7% of the net electric generation capacity of our power generation projects.

***Leading Third-Party Managers.*** Our power generation projects rely on a number of different operators for their operation, which are generally recognized leaders in the independent power business. Affiliates of Caithness Energy, LLC, Cogentrix Energy, Inc. and Babcock and Wilcox Power Generation Group, Inc. operate projects representing approximately 49%, 21% and 9%, respectively, of the net electric generation capacity of our power generation projects. No other operator is responsible for the operation of projects representing more than 8% of the net electric generation capacity of our power generation projects.

***Stability of Project Cash Flow.*** Each of our power generation projects has been in operation for over ten years. Cash flows from each project are generally supported by energy sales contracts with investment-grade utilities and other sophisticated counterparties. We believe that each project's combination of PPA(s), fuel supply agreement(s) and/or commodity hedges help stabilize operating margins as fuel prices fluctuate.

**OUR OBJECTIVES AND BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Our objectives include maintaining the stability and sustainability of dividends to shareholders and to maximize the value of our company. In order to achieve these objectives, we intend to focus on enhancing the operating and financial performance of the projects and on pursuing additional acquisitions primarily in the electric power industry in the U.S. and Canada.



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**Organic Growth**

We intend to enhance the operation and financial performance of our projects through:

optimization of commercial arrangements such as PPAs, fuel supply and transportation contracts, steam sales agreements, and operations and maintenance agreements;

achievement of improved operating efficiencies;

upgrade or enhancement of existing equipment or plant configurations; and

expansion of existing projects.

Successfully extending PPAs and fuel agreements may facilitate refinancings that provide capital to fund growth opportunities.

**Extending PPAs Following Their Expiration**

PPAs in our portfolio have expiration dates ranging from 2010 to 2037. In each case, we plan for expirations by evaluating various options in the market for maximizing project cash flows. New arrangements may involve responses to utility solicitations for capacity and energy, direct negotiations with the original purchasing utility for PPA extensions, arrangements with creditworthy energy trading firms for tolling agreements, full service PPAs or the use of derivatives to lock in value. We do not assume that pricing under existing PPAs will necessarily be sustained after PPA expirations, since most original PPAs included capacity payments related to return of and return on original capital invested and counterparties or evolving regional electricity markets may or may not provide similar payments under new or extended PPAs.

**Acquisition and Investment Strategy**

We believe that new electricity generation projects will be required in the United States and Canada over the next several years as a result of growth in electricity demand, transmission constraints and the retirement of older generation projects due to obsolescence or environmental concerns. There is also a very active secondary market for existing projects. We intend to expand our operations by making accretive acquisitions with a focus on power generation, transmission, distribution and related facilities in the United States and Canada. We may also invest in other forms of energy-related projects, utility projects and infrastructure projects, as well as additional investments in development stage projects or companies where the prospects for creating long-term predictable cash flows are attractive. Since the time of our initial public offering on the Toronto Stock Exchange in 2004, we have twice acquired the interest of another partner in one of our existing projects and will continue to look for such opportunities.

Our senior management has significant experience in the independent power industry and we believe the experience, reputation and industry relationships of our management team will provide us with unique access to future acquisition opportunities.

**Acquisition Guidelines**

We use the following general guidelines when reviewing and evaluating possible acquisitions:

each acquisition or investment should result in an increase in cash available for distribution to shareholders;

in the case of an acquisition of power generation facilities, facilities with long-term PPAs with major electrical utilities or other creditworthy customers will be preferred; and, for facilities without such agreements, market electricity price assumptions used in acquisition evaluations will be obtained from a recognized independent source; and

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in the case of an acquisition of a power generation facility, the expected useful life of the facility and associated structures will, with regular maintenance, be long enough to conform with our objective of providing stable long-term dividends to shareholders.

**POWER INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

Historically, the North American electricity industry was characterized by vertically-integrated monopolies. During the late 1980s, several jurisdictions began a process of restructuring by moving away from vertically integrated monopolies toward more competitive market models. Rapid growth in electricity demand, environmental concerns, increasing electricity rates, technological advances and other concerns prompted government policies to encourage the supply of electricity from independent power producers.

In the independent power generation sector, electricity is generated from a number of sources, including natural gas, coal, water, waste products such as biomass (e.g., wood, wood waste, agricultural waste), landfill gas, geothermal, solar and wind. According to the North American Electric Reliability Council's Long-Term Reliability Assessment, published in December 2009, summer peak demand within the United States over the next ten years is projected to increase 14.8%, while winter peak demand in Canada is projected to increase 8.8%.

**The Non-Utility Power Generation Industry**

Our 12 power generation projects are non-utility electric generating facilities that operate in the U.S. electric power generation industry. The electric power industry is one of the largest industries in the United States, generating sales in excess of \$365 billion in 2008, based on information published by the Energy Information Administration. A growing portion of the power produced in the United States is generated by non-utility generators. According to the Energy Information Administration, there were approximately 8,287 non-utility generators representing approximately 471 gigawatts of capacity in 2008, the most recent year for which data is available, (equal to 47% of total generating plants and 43% of nameplate capacity). Non-utility generators sell the electricity that they generate to electric utilities and other load-serving entities (such as municipalities and electric cooperatives) by way of bilateral contracts or open power exchanges. The electric utilities and other load-serving entities, in turn, generally sell this electricity to industrial, commercial and residential customers.

We believe that an active secondary market in the power generation sector will continue to provide us with meaningful acquisition and growth opportunities.

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**OUR POWER PROJECTS**

The following table summarizes key features of each of our operating projects. The projects are typically owned by holding companies, which hold limited partnership, general partnership or other equity interests. Our interests in each of the projects are held, directly or indirectly, through these holding companies.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location (State)</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Total MW</b>	<b>Economic Interest<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Accounting Treatment<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Net MW<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Electricity Purchaser</b>	<b>Power Contract Expiry</b>	<b>Customer S&amp;P Credit Rating</b>
Auburndale	Florida	Natural Gas	155	100.00%	C	155	Progress Energy Florida	2013	BBB+
Lake	Florida	Natural Gas	121	100.00%	C	121	Progress Energy Florida	2013	BBB+
Pasco	Florida	Natural Gas	121	100.00%	C	121	Tampa Electric Co.	2018	BBB
Chambers	New Jersey	Coal	262	40.00%	E	89 <sup>(4)</sup>	ACE	2024	BBB
						16	DuPont	2024	A
Path 15	California	Transmission	N/A	100.00%	C	N/A	California Utilities via CAISO <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A <sup>(6)</sup>	BBB+ to A <sup>(7)</sup>
Orlando	Florida	Natural Gas	129	50.00%	E	46	Progress Energy Florida	2023	BBB+
						19	Reedy Creek Improvement District	2013 <sup>(8)</sup>	A <sup>(9)</sup>
Selkirk	New York	Natural Gas	345	18.50% <sup>(10)</sup>	E	15	Merchant	N/A	N/R
						49	Consolidated Edison	2014	A-
Gregory	Texas	Natural Gas	400	17.10%	E	59	Fortis Energy Marketing and Trading	2013	A-
						9	Sherwin Alumina	2020	NR
Topsham <sup>(11)</sup>	Maine	Hydro	14	50.00%	E	7	Central Maine Power	2011	BBB+
Badger Creek	California	Natural Gas	46	50.00%	E	23	Pacific Gas & Electric	2011	BBB+

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Rumford	Maine	Coal/Biomass	85	23.50% <sup>(10)</sup>	E	20	Rumford Paper Co.	2010	N/R
Koma Kulshan	Washington	Hydro	13	49.80%	E	6	Puget Sound Energy	2037	BBB
Delta-Person	New Mexico	Natural Gas	132	40.00%	E	53	PNM	2020	BB-

- (1) Except as otherwise noted, economic interest represents the percentage ownership interest in the project held indirectly by Atlantic Power.
- (2) Accounting Treatment: C Consolidated; and E Equity Method of Accounting (for additional details, see Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009).
- (3) Represents our interest in each project's electric generation capacity based on our economic interest.
- (4) Includes separate power sales agreement in which the project and ACE share profits on spot sales of energy and capacity not purchased by ACE under the base PPA.
- (5) California utilities pay TACs to CAISO, who then pays owners of TSRs, such as Path 15, in accordance with its FERC approved annual revenue requirement.
- (6) Path 15 is a FERC regulated asset with a FERC-approved regulatory life of 30 years: through 2034.
- (7) Largest payers of TACs supporting Path 15's annual revenue requirement are PG&E (BBB+), SoCal Ed (BBB+) and SDG&E (A). CAISO imposes minimum credit quality requirements for any participants of A or better unless collateral is posted per CAISO imposed schedule.
- (8) Upon the expiry of the Reedy Creek PPA, the associated capacity and energy will be sold to PEF.
- (9) Fitch rating on Reedy Creek Improvement District bonds.
- (10) Represents our estimated share of the cash flow from the project.
- (11) We own our interest in this project as a lessor.

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Our projects are organized into the following six business segments:

Auburndale	Chambers
Lake	Path 15
Pasco	Other Project Assets

***Auburndale Segment***

*General Description*

The Auburndale Segment consists of a 155 MW dual-fired (natural gas and oil), combined-cycle, cogeneration plant located in Polk County, Florida, which commenced operations in July 1994. We own 100% of the Auburndale project, which is a "qualifying facility" (or "QF") under the rules promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (or "FERC"). We acquired Auburndale from ArcLight Energy Partners Fund I, L.P. and Calpine Corporation in a transaction that was completed on November 21, 2008.

Auburndale is located on an 11-acre site in the City of Auburndale, Florida. Capacity and energy from the project is sold to Progress Energy Florida (or "PEF") under three PPAs expiring at the end of 2013. Auburndale typically operates as a mid-merit generator, which means that it is called upon by PEF to run during periods of peak electricity demand on most weekdays and occasionally during periods of lower electricity demand. Steam is supplied to Florida Distillers Company and Cutrale Citrus Juices USA, Inc. The Florida Distillers steam agreement is renewed annually, and the Cutrale Citrus Juices steam agreement expires in 2013.

Auburndale has non-recourse debt outstanding which fully amortizes over the term of its PPAs expiring in 2013. Atlantic Power Corporation has provided letters of credit in the total amount of \$13.4 million to support Auburndale's obligations: \$5.5 million to support its debt service obligation, \$4.4 million to support its PPA obligations, and \$3.5 million to support its fuel supply agreement.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Auburndale sells electricity to PEF under three PPAs each expiring on December 31, 2013. Under the largest of the PPAs, Auburndale sells 114 MW of capacity and energy. An additional 17 MW of committed capacity is sold under two identical 8.5 MW agreements with PEF. Revenue from the sale of electricity under the three PPAs consists of capacity payments based on a fixed schedule of prices, and energy payments. Capacity payments under the largest PPA are dependent on the plant maintaining a minimum on-peak capacity factor of 92 percent on a rolling twelve-month average basis. On-peak capacity factor refers to the ratio of actual electricity generated during periods of peak demand to the capacity rating of the plant during such periods. The project has achieved the minimum on-peak capacity factor continuously since commercial operation. Capacity payments under the smaller two agreements are dependent on the project maintaining a minimum on-peak capacity factor of 70 percent. Energy payments under the largest PPA are comprised of a fuel component based on the delivered cost of coal at two PEF-owned coal-fired generating stations and a component intended to recover operating and maintenance costs. Energy payments under the smaller two agreements are based on the lesser of PEF's actual avoided energy cost or an energy price index based on the delivered fuel cost at a specific coal-fired power plant owned by PEF.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Auburndale provides steam to Florida Distillers Company and Cutrale Citrus Juices USA, Inc. under two separate steam purchase agreements. The Florida Distillers agreement automatically extends on an annual basis, and can be terminated by either party with 90 days notice. The Cutrale Citrus Juices agreement terminates on December 31, 2013 and contains automatic two-year renewal terms.

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Auburndale receives the majority of its required natural gas through a gas supply agreement with El Paso Merchant Energy, L.P. that expires on June 30, 2012. Under the agreement, El Paso provides a fixed amount of gas on a daily basis. The gas price is based on a fixed schedule of prices that escalate annually and is below current market prices. At historic utilization rates, the gas supplied under the El Paso contract has accounted for approximately 80% of the gas required by the project under its PPA commitments and the remaining required fuel is purchased at spot prices.

The required natural gas for the project is delivered through firm gas transportation agreements with Central Florida Gas Company and Florida Gas Transmission Company ("FGT") and is transported through the gas distribution system owned by Peoples Gas Transmission, Inc. ("Peoples"). The gas transportation agreements are co-terminus with the PPAs, expiring on December 31, 2013.

*Operations & Maintenance*

The Auburndale project is operated and maintained by an affiliate of Caithness Energy, LLC. In 2006, Auburndale entered into a maintenance agreement with Siemens Energy, Inc. for the long-term supply of certain parts, repair services and outage services related to the gas turbine. The term of the maintenance agreement is dependent on the number of maintenance inspections and is expected to expire in late 2012.

Auburndale entered into an agreement with TECO to transmit electric energy from the project to PEF. The agreement expires in 2024, unless extended as provided for in the agreement. Auburndale's cost for these services is based on a contractual formula derived from TECO's cost of providing such services.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

Auburndale derives a significant portion of its revenue through capacity payments received under the PPAs with PEF. In the event the project's on-peak capacity factor falls below a specified level, capacity payments will be adjusted downward. Since it began commercial operation, the project has received full capacity payments.

During the term of the gas supply agreement, approximately 80% of the natural gas required to fulfill the project's PPAs is purchased at fixed prices. The remainder of the natural gas is purchased on the spot market. As a result, the project's operating margin is exposed to changes in market natural gas prices because the PPA does not effectively pass through those price changes to PEF. In order to mitigate this risk, Auburndale has entered into a series of financial swaps that effectively fix the price of natural gas to be purchased.

The following table summarizes the hedge position related to natural gas requirements to satisfy Auburndale's PPAs as of April 7, 2010:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Amount of gas volumes currently hedged:				
Contracted at fixed prices	80%	80%	40%	0%
Financially hedged with swaps	15%	13%	32%	79%
Total	95%	93%	72%	79%
Average price of financially hedged volumes (per million British thermal units, or "Mmbtu")(US\$)	\$6.30	\$6.68	\$6.51	\$6.92

We will continue to periodically analyze whether to execute further hedge transactions intended to mitigate natural gas price exposure at Auburndale through the expiration of the PPAs with PEF.

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The energy portion of Auburndale's revenue under the largest PPA with PEF is impacted by changes in the price of coal purchased by two power plants in Florida owned by PEF. Because these power plants purchase a significant portion of their coal through contracts of varying lengths, the price of coal burned at those plants is not directly correlated with changes in spot coal prices. Accordingly, changes in the price of coal procured by these two power plants will impact Auburndale's energy revenue.

***Lake Segment***

*General Description*

The Lake Segment consists of a 121 MW dual-fuel, combined-cycle QF cogeneration plant located in Florida, which began commercial operation in July 1993. We own 100% of the Lake project. In late 2007, the existing combustion turbines at the facility were upgraded to increase their efficiency by approximately 4% and output from 110 MW to 121 MW.

The Lake project is located on a 16-acre site at a citrus processing facility in Umatilla, Florida. Lake sells all of its capacity and electric energy to PEF under the terms of a PPA expiring in July 2013. The project is operated as a mid-merit facility typically running during 11 peak hours daily. Steam is sold to Citrus World, Inc. for use at its citrus processing facility and is also used to make distilled water in distillation units.

The Lake project does not have any debt outstanding. Atlantic Power Corporation has provided a \$4.3 million letter of credit in favor of PEF to support the Lake project's obligations under its PPA.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Electricity is sold to PEF pursuant to a PPA that expires on July 1, 2013. Revenues from the sale of electricity consist of a fixed capacity payment and an energy payment. Capacity payments are subject to the project maintaining a capacity factor of at least 90% during on-peak hours (11 hours daily), on a 12-month rolling average basis. Lake is subject to reductions in its capacity payment should it not achieve the 90% on-peak capacity factor. The project generally has achieved the minimum on-peak capacity factor continuously since commercial operation. Energy payments are comprised of a fuel component based on the cost of coal consumed at two PEF-owned coal-fired generating stations, a component intended to recover operations and maintenance costs, a voltage adjustment and an hourly performance adjustment. During off-peak hours, energy payments are made in accordance with a prescribed formula based on the price of natural gas, although Lake usually does not operate during off-peak hours.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

The Lake project provides steam to Citrus World under a steam purchase agreement that expires in 2013. The project also supplies steam to an affiliate that uses steam to make distilled water, which is sold to unaffiliated third parties.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

The natural gas requirements for the facility are provided by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. and TECO Gas Services, Inc. ("TGS"). Both the Iberdrola and TGS agreements contain market index based prices, commenced on July 1, 2009 and expire on July 31, 2013.

Natural gas is transported to the project from supply points in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi to Florida under contracts with Peoples Gas System.

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The Lake project is operated and maintained by an affiliate of Caithness Energy, LLC.

Lake also has a contractual services agreement and a lease engine agreement in place with General Electric (or "GE"). The contractual services agreement provides for planned and unplanned maintenance on the two gas turbines at the plant. The lease engine agreement provides temporary replacement gas turbines to Lake to support operations when the Lake turbines require significant maintenance.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Lake project derives a significant portion of its operating margin through capacity revenues received under the PPA with PEF. In the event the facility's on-peak capacity factor falls below a specified level, capacity payments will be adjusted downward, although the project rarely experiences such reductions. During the term of the current gas supply agreement, effective July 1, 2009, Lake's operating margins are exposed to changes in natural gas prices through the end of the PEF PPA in 2013. As a result, we have entered into a series of financial swaps that effectively fix the price of natural gas supplied to Lake thereby reducing fuel price risk.

The following table summarizes the volumes hedged relative to natural gas requirements under Lake's PPA as of April 7, 2010:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Amount of gas volumes currently hedged:				
Contracted at fixed prices	0%	0%	0%	0%
Financially hedged with swaps	80%	78%	90%	65%
Total	80%	78%	90%	65%
Average price of financially hedged volumes (per "Mmbtu")(US\$)	\$7.11	\$6.52	\$6.90	\$7.05

We will continue to analyze whether to execute further hedge transactions to mitigate natural gas price exposure at Lake through expiration of the PPA with PEF.

The energy portion of Lake's revenue under the PPA with PEF is impacted by changes in the price of coal used by two of their power plants in Florida. Because these power plants secure a significant portion of their coal through contracts of varying lengths, the price of coal burned at those plants does not move in tandem with changes in spot coal prices.

The energy payment under the PPA includes a performance adjustment. For energy deliveries in excess of contracted capacity to PEF during on-peak periods in which the system price for energy exceeds the PPA energy rate, the project receives the then as-available energy rate, determined according to regulatory methodology. Conversely, when the project is not available and is dispatched by PEF, the project incurs negative performance adjustment charges corresponding to the difference between the then as-available energy rate and the PPA energy rate.

*Pasco Segment**General Description*

The Pasco Segment consists of the 100% owned Pasco project, a 121 MW dual fuel, combined-cycle, cogeneration plant located in Dade City, Florida, which began commercial operations in 1993 as a QF. With the expiration of the original PPA with PEF in 2008, and the commencement of the tolling agreement with TECO in 2009, Pasco self-certified with the FERC as an exempt wholesale generator and was no longer required to maintain QF status. The project owns the 2.7 acre site approximately 45 miles north of Tampa, Florida.



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*Power Purchase Agreement*

Electricity is sold to TECO pursuant to a tolling agreement that commenced on January 1, 2009 and expires on December 31, 2018. Under the tolling agreement, TECO purchases the project's capacity and conversion services. Pasco converts fuel supplied by a TECO affiliate into electricity. Revenues consist of capacity payments, start-up charges, variable payments based on the amount of electricity generated and heat rate bonus payments based on the actual efficiency of the plant versus the contract efficiency. Atlantic Power Corporation has provided a \$10 million letter of credit in favor of TECO to support the project's obligations under the tolling agreement.

In exchange for obtaining the right to sell any potential excess emissions allowances from the plant, TECO accepted financial responsibility for any costs associated with additional allowances required and changes to environmental laws, including state or federal carbon legislation.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

Under the terms of the tolling agreement, TECO is responsible for the fuel supply and is financially responsible for fuel transportation to the project.

*Operations & Maintenance*

The Pasco project is operated and maintained by an affiliate of Caithness Energy, LLC.

Pasco also has a services agreement and a lease engine agreement in place with GE. The services agreement provides for discounts for planned and unplanned maintenance on the project's two natural gas turbines, and commits the project to use GE for gas turbine maintenance activities. Under the lease engine agreement, GE rapidly provides temporary replacement natural gas turbines to the project to support operations when the project's turbines are removed from the site for significant maintenance.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Pasco project derives the majority of its revenues under the tolling agreement with TECO through capacity payments. In the event the project does not maintain certain levels of availability, the capacity payments will be reduced. Based on historical performance, we expect the project to continue to exceed the availability requirement of 93% in the summer and 90% in the winter. A portion of the project's operating margin is based on three variable payments from TECO, consisting of a variable operation and maintenance charge, a start charge and a heat rate bonus. As a result, the project achieves a variable margin during periods of operation; and as a result, the level of variable margin is impacted by how often the plant is called on to produce electricity.

*Chambers Segment*

*General Description*

The Chambers Segment consists of our 40% equity investment in the Chambers project, a 262 MW pulverized coal-fired cogeneration facility located at the E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Chambers Works chemical complex near Carney's Point, New Jersey, which began commercial operation in March 1994 as a QF. Affiliates of Goldman Sachs and Energy Investors Funds, an established private equity fund manager that invests in the U.S. energy and electric power sector, in the aggregate hold 60% of the general partner interests. Chambers sells electricity to Atlantic City Electric ("ACE") under two separate power purchase agreements, a "Base PPA" and a power sales agreement. Historically, the project has operated as a baseload plant, however, during periods of low energy market pricing, the facility has run at partial or minimum load. Steam and electricity are sold to DuPont pursuant to an energy services agreement. The project site is leased from DuPont. Under the

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terms of the ground lease, DuPont has a right to purchase the project within 60 days of the lease expiration in 2024, or upon earlier termination of the lease, at fair market value.

Chambers financed the construction of the project with a combination of term debt due March 31, 2014 and New Jersey Economic Development Authority bonds due July 1, 2021. The term loan is expected to amortize over its remaining term, while the bonds are repayable at maturity. Both are non-recourse to Atlantic Power Corporation.

Epsilon Power Partners, L.P., our wholly-owned subsidiary, directly owns our interest in Chambers. Epsilon has outstanding debt which fully amortizes by its final maturity in 2019 and is non-recourse to Atlantic Power Corporation.

*Power Purchase Agreements*

Base PPA

The 30-year term of the Base PPA with ACE expires in 2024. ACE has agreed to purchase 184 MW of capacity and has dispatch rights for energy of up to 187.6 MW during the summer season (May 1 to October 31) and 173.2 MW during the winter season (November 1 to April 30). The project must be available to deliver power to ACE at 90% of the average availability rate of a specific group of mid-Atlantic generating stations. Capacity prices are determined using a fixed price with a capacity factor adjustment. The energy payment under the Base PPA is divided between on-peak and off-peak periods and linked to a coal index that is identical to the project's coal supply contract escalation provisions. Chambers is guaranteed a minimum energy payment equivalent to 3,500 hours of operation per contract year, whether or not it is run that way, provided the project is available for energy production for at least 3,500 hours during the course of the contract year.

DuPont Energy Services Agreement

DuPont purchases all its electrical needs for its Chambers Works chemical complex from the Chambers project, subject to a peak requirement of 40 MW, under the energy services agreement. The initial term of the agreement expires in 2024 but will continue thereafter unless terminated by at least 36 months prior written notice. The electricity sold under the agreement contains a fixed price, which is adjusted quarterly by the lesser of either: (i) the price of coal delivered to the facility; and (ii) the change in ACE's average retail rate.

In December 2008, Chambers filed suit against DuPont for breach of the energy services agreement related to unpaid amounts associated with disputed price change calculations for electricity. DuPont subsequently filed a counterclaim for an unspecified level of damages. In the event the dispute cannot be resolved through settlement, a trial is expected in mid-2010. We do not believe that the outcome of this litigation will have a material impact on Atlantic Power Corporation.

Power Sales Agreement

Energy generated at the Chambers project in excess of amounts delivered to ACE under the Base PPA and to DuPont is sold to ACE under a separate power sales agreement. Under this agreement, energy that ACE does not find economically attractive at the Base PPA's energy rate, but which may be cost effective to sell into the spot market ("Undispatched Energy"), may be self-scheduled by the project to capture additional profits. Margins on Undispatched Energy sales are shared between ACE (40%) and the project (60%). Energy not committed to ACE under the Base PPA and not called upon by DuPont under the energy services agreement may also be sold into the market under a similar margin sharing arrangement with ACE (30% to ACE and 70% to Chambers). The agreement also provides for the sale by Chambers into the market of capacity not contracted under the Base PPA pursuant to the same margin sharing arrangement with ACE (30% to ACE and 70% to Chambers).

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The power sales agreement expires in July 2010 and has historically been extended at each previous contract expiration date.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Some of the steam generated at the Chambers project is sold to DuPont under the energy services agreement, which expires in 2024, but will continue in effect thereafter unless terminated by either party on at least 36 months prior notice. The agreement requires steam to be provided to DuPont up to the peak steam requirement levels that vary throughout the year. DuPont may purchase steam in excess of the peak steam requirement from any third party, subject to Chambers' right of first refusal to provide steam at the same price. Subject to certain conditions, DuPont has the option to construct and operate its own steam generation facility after 2014. DuPont is required to purchase a minimum quantity of steam necessary for the project to maintain its status as a QF. The steam price is subject to quarterly adjustments based on the price of coal delivered to the project. DuPont has the option in certain circumstances to take over operation of the steam facility in the event of prolonged failure to deliver steam.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

Coal is supplied to the Chambers project pursuant to a coal purchase agreement with Consol Energy Inc., which expires in 2014 and is subject to a five to ten-year renewal based on good faith negotiations. The agreement governs the sale of coal (including transportation) to the project and the disposal of related ash. Consol is obligated to supply the entire coal requirements for the project, which may include stockpiling. The price escalator under the Base PPA with ACE uses the same index as the coal supply agreement (average coal cost of 25 mid-Atlantic region coal power plants), effectively passing through changes in coal prices to ACE.

*Operations & Maintenance*

Operations and maintenance of the Chambers project is performed pursuant to an agreement with Cogentrix Energy, Inc., which expires in April 2014. Thereafter, the agreement will be automatically renewed for periods of five years until terminated by either party on six months notice. Cogentrix is paid a base annual fee in addition to cost reimbursement. Cogentrix is also eligible for performance fees based on facility net availability, efficiency and excess energy optimization, and is eligible for an additional management performance bonus.

*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*

With New Jersey's implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") on January 1, 2009, the Chambers project was required to obtain carbon dioxide ("CO<sub>2</sub>") allowances in an amount corresponding to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the facility. Previously in 2008, the State of New Jersey passed legislation that provided for the sale of CO<sub>2</sub> allowances at the price of \$2.00 per allowance to certain generating facilities which were certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"). Chambers received this certification from the NJDEP in late 2009. Earlier in 2009, the project purchased approximately 480,000 allowances through the quarterly RGGI auctions and broker purchases. In December 2009, Chambers purchased 2.1 million allowances from the NJDEP at the price of \$2 per allowance. A portion of the NJDEP purchase, in combination with the previously purchased allowances, satisfies the project's RGGI compliance requirements for 2009. The remainder of the 2009 NJDEP allowance purchase will be used to meet the 2010 requirements along with 2010 NJDEP allowance purchases.

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*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Chambers project derives a significant portion of its operating margin through capacity revenues received under the Base PPA. In the event the facility does not maintain a minimum level of availability under the Base PPA, the project's capacity payments from ACE would be reduced, although it has never experienced such a reduction. Energy sales under the Base PPA are expected to generate positive margins due to the effective hedging of energy prices and coal costs through the use of identical indexing in the energy payment under the Base PPA and the coal prices under the contract supply contract. While the indexing is identical, adjustments to the energy price under the Base PPA occur annually, whereas coal price adjustments occur quarterly.

During periods of low spot market electricity prices, energy sales margins may be negatively impacted due to the pricing structure under the Base PPA and power sales agreement. ACE will reduce purchases under the Base PPA to the minimum requirement when the spot electricity price is below the price under the Base PPA. When spot market prices drop below the Base PPA price, but exceed the project's variable production cost, ACE pays for energy based on the power sales agreement, under which a portion of the margin above the project's production cost is shared with ACE. In the unusual situation when the spot electricity price is in excess of the Base PPA but less than the project's variable production cost (which may occur during off-peak periods), Chambers is required to sell energy to ACE at below its production cost. In some cases, the project is further negatively impacted by the facility's reduced fuel efficiency while operating at partial load to minimize operating at a negative margin.

The debt at our wholly-owned Epsilon holding company includes restrictions on the upstream distribution of our share of partner distributions from Chambers. Cash flow from Chambers may be held in a reserve account by Epsilon's lender to the extent certain debt service coverage ratios are not achieved. Upon meeting the coverage ratio requirements, funds are distributed to us.

*Path 15 Segment*

*General Description*

The Path 15 Segment consists of our ownership of 72% of the transmission system rights ("TSRs") in the Path 15 project, an 84-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line built along an existing transmission corridor in central California. The Path 15 project commenced commercial operations in 2004. The Path 15 project facilitates the movement of power from the Pacific Northwest to southern California in the summer months and from generators in southern California to northern California in the winter months. The TSRs entitle us to receive an annual revenue requirement that is regulated by the FERC. The annual revenue requirement is collected from California utilities and remitted to owners of TSRs by the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO").

The Path 15 project and right of way is owned and operated by the Western Area Power Administration, a U.S. Federal power agency that operates and maintains approximately 17,000 miles of transmission lines. The operation of the Path 15 project consists entirely of the transmission of electric power, which is not subject to the same operating risks of a power plant or the volatility that may arise from changes in the price of electricity or fuel.

The CAISO is a not-for-profit corporation that acts as a clearinghouse to settle third-party transactions involving the purchase and sale of power in California. Owners of transmission assets must place their assets under the operational control of the CAISO by entering into a standard transmission control agreement with them. In general, the CAISO coordinates the dispatch of power generation and manages the reliability of, and provides open access to, the transmission grid.

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Three of our wholly-owned subsidiaries have incurred non-recourse debt relating to our interest in the Path 15 project. We have provided letters of credit totaling \$8.4 million to support these debt service obligations.

*Annual Revenue Requirement FERC Rate Case*

The revenue collected by Path 15 is regulated by the FERC on a cost-of-service rate base methodology. Path 15 files a rate case with the FERC every three years to establish its revenue requirement for the next three year period. The revenue requirement includes all prudently incurred operating costs, depreciation and amortization, taxes, and a return on capital.

In December 2007, we filed a rate application with the FERC to establish Path 15's revenue requirement through 2010. In January 2008, several parties filed protests and interventions to become parties to the proceeding. In February 2008, the FERC issued an order summarily approving the requested return on equity and, allowing the requested rates to go into effect as of February 20, 2008, subject to refund. California Public Utilities Commission and Southern California Edison filed requests for rehearing of that order. In February 2009, we filed an unopposed motion requesting suspension of the trial schedule to allow the parties to the rate case to finalize a settlement. In March 2009, we filed a settlement offer with the FERC. The settlement was supported by all parties to the proceeding. In August 2009, the FERC issued an order approving the settlement offer. We believe that the settlement was reasonable and has not significantly impacted the expected cash flow from the project. On October 30, 2009, the Path 15 project issued refunds reflecting the difference between the rates collected as of February 2008 pursuant to the December 2007 filing and the rates provided for under the settlement.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The primary factor influencing the Path 15 project results is its FERC-regulated revenue requirement. Under the FERC's cost of service methodology, all prudently incurred expenses are permitted to be recovered in the revenue requirement including costs of the rate case itself every three years. Cash distributions to us could be adversely impacted by factors such as which year is used to establish the revenue requirement for the next three years and whether the FERC approves a return on equity less than 13.5% in future rate cases.

*Other Project Assets*

*Orlando Project*

*General Description*

The Orlando project, a 129 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle cogeneration facility located in an industrial park near Orlando in Orange County, Florida, commenced commercial operation in 1993 as a QF. We own a 50% interest in the project and Northern Star Generation, LLC owns the remaining 50% interest. The project is situated on a four acre site located adjacent to an air separation facility owned by Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., which serves as the project's steam customer. Orlando sells all of its electricity to PEF and Reedy Creek Improvement District under long-term PPAs, and also sells chilled water produced using steam from the project to Air Products and Chemicals. The Orlando project typically operates as a baseload plant. Both we and Northern Star have provided letters of credit in the amount of \$1.6 million each in support of the project's obligations under the PEF PPA.

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*Power Purchase Agreements*

Progress Energy Florida

Orlando sells electrical capacity and energy to PEF under a PPA that expires on December 31, 2023. The project is obligated to sell and deliver a committed capacity of 79.2 MW and has committed to a 93% on-peak capacity factor. Orlando receives a monthly capacity payment based on achieving the on-peak capacity factor and a monthly energy payment based on the total amount of electric energy actually delivered to PEF. The capacity payment escalates at 5.1% annually and is reduced if the facility's on-peak capacity factor is below 93%, on a 12-month rolling average basis. Energy payments are comprised of a fuel component based on the cost of coal purchased at two PEF-owned coal-fired generating stations, an operations and maintenance component, a voltage adjustment and an hourly performance adjustment. Off-peak energy prices are based on the on-peak spot market energy price discounted by 10%.

On August 4, 2009, PEF provided notice to Orlando that the committed capacity under its PPA would be increased to 115 MW upon expiration of the Reedy Creek PPA in 2013, upon meeting certain conditions.

Reedy Creek Improvement District

Orlando sells electrical capacity and energy to the Reedy Creek Improvement District, a municipal district serving the Walt Disney World complex, under a PPA that expires in 2013. Orlando is obligated to sell and deliver 35 MW of electricity and has committed to a 93% average capacity factor. Orlando receives a monthly capacity payment based on the actual average capacity factor and a monthly energy payment based on the total amount of electric energy actually delivered to Reedy Creek. The PPA may be extended for an additional ten-year term upon the consent of both parties. The capacity payment is fixed at a rate that escalates at 4.5% annually and is based upon achieving a 93% average capacity factor, calculated on a three-year rolling average basis. The agreement provides both incentive and penalty provisions for performance above and below a 93% average capacity factor, respectively. Reedy Creek also reimburses Orlando for a portion of the reservation charges associated with the project's firm gas transportation agreement with Florida Gas. In 2005, Orlando executed an agreement with Reedy Creek for periodic sales of up to 15 MW of non-firm available energy at firm rates.

*Excess Energy Sales*

In 2006, Orlando executed a master purchase and sale agreement with Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation. Under the agreement, Rainbow markets up to 15 MW of non-firm energy at spot market rates subject to the profitability of such sales. The arrangements with Rainbow can be terminated by either party upon 30 days notice.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Orlando entered into an agreement with a subsidiary of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. to supply chilled water produced using steam from the project to its cryogenic air separation facility. Orlando does not have any minimum steam delivery requirements beyond the thermal and efficiency requirements required to maintain its QF status. Orlando is required to purchase its nitrogen requirements from Air Products and Chemicals, but does not have a minimum purchase requirement. Both the purchase price of nitrogen and the sales price of chilled water are at fixed prices that adjust based on the percentage increase/decrease in the producer price index.

Because of reduced demand for chilled water at Air Products and Chemicals during certain periods, and to ensure continued compliance with QF requirements, Orlando procured and installed

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water distiller units in 2009, and entered into contracts to provide the distilled water to unaffiliated third parties in the local area.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

Orlando buys natural gas from Orlando Power Holdings, LLC, which is indirectly owned by Northern Star, under an agreement expiring on December 31, 2013. Orlando Power has a back-to-back agreement for the purchase and supply of natural gas from Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BP Energy Company. Under the agreement, which expires on December 31, 2013, Vastar is obligated to provide Orlando Power with its entire daily natural gas requirement. Orlando's purchase price is tied to the same coal-based and fixed escalators used for calculating the energy payments under the PPAs. Orlando also has a gas supply agreement with TECO Gas, but is not currently purchasing any natural gas under this agreement.

Orlando has two gas transportation agreements expiring on July 31, 2010 with Peoples Gas for the delivery of natural gas to the project. We expect that those will be renewed as they are simply based on published tariff rates. Peoples Gas has entered into co-terminus back-to-back agreements with Florida Gas for the delivery of natural gas to the project. Orlando has a contractual right to extend these agreements. Transportation costs under the agreements are determined by Florida Gas' rate schedule as filed with the FERC. These agreements provide for the transportation of up to 23,600 Mmbtu (million British thermal units) per day to the project.

*Operations & Maintenance*

The Orlando project is operated and maintained by an affiliate of Northern Star under an operations and administrative services agreement expiring on December 31, 2023. The operator is compensated on a cost-reimbursement basis plus a fixed general and administrative charge. In addition, the operator is entitled to receive an incentive fee equal to a percentage of the excess of Orlando's operating cash flow after deducting originally anticipated maintenance capital and anticipated debt service. In 1997, Orlando also entered into a maintenance agreement with Alstom Power Inc. for the long-term supply of hot gas path gas turbine parts, under which Alstom receives a monthly fee from the partnership and additional fees in certain circumstances.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Orlando project receives a significant portion of its revenues through capacity payments received under the PPA with PEF. In the event the facility's on-peak capacity factor falls below a specified level, capacity payments will be adjusted downward. The energy payment under the PEF PPA largely consists of an energy component, which is adjusted based on the same coal index as used in the gas supply pricing.

The energy payment under the PPA with PEF includes a performance adjustment. During on-peak periods in which the market price for energy exceeds the PPA energy rate, for energy deliveries in excess of PEF scheduled capacity, the project receives the then as-available energy rate, determined according to regulatory methodology. Conversely, during on-peak periods when the project delivers less than the scheduled capacity, the project incurs negative performance adjustment charges corresponding to the difference between the then as-available energy rate and the PPA energy rate.

The Reedy Creek PPA also contains incentive and penalty provisions for performance above and below a specified capacity factor.

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**Selkirk Project**

*General Description*

The Selkirk project is a 345 MW dual-fuel, combined-cycle cogeneration plant located in the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County, New York, and commenced commercial operation in 1994 as a QF. The project includes two units: Unit I (80 MW) sells electricity into the New York merchant market and Unit II (265 MW) sells electricity to Consolidated Edison, Inc. (or "Con Ed"). The Selkirk project is typically operated as a mid-merit plant. We own an 18.5% economic interest in the project's cash flow. The other partners include affiliates of Cogentrix, Energy Investors Funds, The McNair Group, and Fort Point Power LLC (an affiliate of Osaka Gas Energy America Corporation). Each of the partners has an interest in cash distributions by the project which changes when certain partners achieve a specified return on their equity contributions. The 15.7 acre project site is situated adjacent to a Saudi Arabia Basic Industries Corporation (or "SABIC") plastics manufacturing plant, which also purchases steam from the project. Selkirk leases the project site under a long-term lease from SABIC.

The Selkirk project has 8.98% first mortgage bonds outstanding, which fully amortize over their remaining term ending in 2012.

*Power Purchase Agreements*

Since the expiration of Selkirk's agreement to sell capacity and energy from Unit I to National Grid in July 2008, Selkirk has been selling energy from Unit I into the New York merchant market. Capacity and energy from Unit II is sold to Con Ed under a PPA that expires on September 1, 2014, subject to a ten-year extension at the option of Con Ed under certain conditions. The Unit II PPA provides for a capacity payment, a fuel payment, an operations and maintenance payment and a payment for transmission from the project to Con Ed. The capacity payment, a portion of the fuel payment, a portion of the operations and maintenance payment and the transmission payment are fixed charges to be paid on the basis of plant availability.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Selkirk sells steam generated at the project to the SABIC plastics manufacturing plant under an agreement that expires on September 1, 2014. Under the agreement, SABIC is not charged for steam in an amount up to the annual equivalent of 160,000 lbs/hr during each hour in which the SABIC plant is in production. SABIC pays the project a variable price for steam in excess of this amount. SABIC is required to purchase the minimum thermal output necessary for Selkirk to maintain its QF status.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

Selkirk buys natural gas for Unit I at spot market prices under a contract with Coral Energy Canada expiring on October 31, 2012. Selkirk has gas supply agreements for Unit II with Imperial Oil Resources Limited, EnCana Corporation and Canadian Forest Oil Ltd., which expire on October 31, 2014.

The project also has long-term contracts for the transportation of Units I and II natural gas volume on a firm 365-day per year basis in place with TransCanada Pipelines Limited, Iroquois Gas and Tennessee Gas. The Unit I and Unit II gas transportation contracts expire on November 1, 2012 and November 1, 2014, respectively.

Natural gas that is not used by Selkirk to generate power under its gas supply arrangements may be remarketed. Under certain market conditions, additional income is generated from such re-sales of natural gas. Units I and II have the capability to operate on fuel oil subject to certain limitations under the project's air permit and are able to switch fuel sources from natural gas to fuel oil and back without interrupting the generation of electricity.



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*Operations & Maintenance*

GE operates the Selkirk project under an agreement expiring on December 31, 2012. The agreement provides for a fixed fee, capital parts discounts, a pass-through of management costs and a performance bonus. Management services for Selkirk are provided by Cogentrix under an administrative services agreement that expires in September 2014. Cogentrix is entitled to compensation under the agreement which is subject to renegotiation every four years and provides for the full recovery of its actual costs and properly allocated overhead plus a reasonable fee which must be approved by all of the Selkirk partners.

*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*

In 2009, in order to comply with RGGI, the project commenced purchasing CO<sub>2</sub> allowances in the quarterly RGGI auctions. At year-end, the project had purchased adequate allowances to cover the amount needed for RGGI compliance in 2009, except for approximately 184,000 allowances. Under the RGGI rules, a compliance period consists of three years, during which time the emitter is required to obtain allowances corresponding to its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during the same period. New York State allocates a limited number of free allowances to generators that have long-term contracts. A portion of the project's 2009 requirement will be met with these free allowances. The project expects to purchase additional allowances in 2010 in order to satisfy its 2009 requirement. In resolution, of a lawsuit brought in 2009 challenging New York's RGGI rules, a consent decree is being finalized under which ConEd will reimburse the Selkirk project for the cost of additional allowances needed in excess of the free allowances allocated by New York.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

Energy produced by Unit I is sold at market prices based on the project's bid into the NYISO market. The project is therefore exposed to fluctuations in market energy prices which may impact Unit I energy sales margins. Under the PPA with Con Ed, the Project receives significant capacity revenues based on meeting availability requirements and also receives an energy payment whenever Con Ed calls on Unit II to generate electricity. The energy payment is primarily dependent on the fuel price component, indexed predominantly to natural gas prices, but also has a small component based on oil prices.

In periods when Unit I or Unit II is not generating electricity, substantial volumes of natural gas are available to be re-sold. Depending on market prices when reselling compared to contract prices when the gas was nominated at the beginning of each month, the excess gas can be resold at significant positive margins or occasionally at a loss.

**Gregory Project**

*General Description*

The Gregory project is a 400 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration QF located near Corpus Christi, Texas that commenced commercial operation in 2000. The Gregory project is owned by Gregory Power Partners, LP, a Texas limited partnership, and our ownership interest in Gregory Power is approximately 17%. The other owners are affiliates of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and John Hancock Life Insurance Company. Gregory currently sells approximately 345 MW of its capacity to Fortis Energy Marketing and Trading GP and sells up to 33 MW of electric energy and capacity to Sherwin Alumina Company, which is owned by Glencore International AG, with the remainder sold in the spot market. While not strictly a baseload facility, Gregory typically is operated at a high capacity factor. The project is located on a site adjacent to Sherwin Alumina's production facility, which also serves as the project's steam customer. Gregory leases the land on which the project is located from Sherwin under an operating lease which expires in August 2035.

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The Gregory project was financed by ING Capital Corporation ("ING") and a consortium of other lenders. The loan matures in 2017 and is expected to be amortized over its remaining term.

In November 2008, Gregory's managing partner, discovered that the state authorization of the project's Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Permit had lapsed due to a discrepancy in the representation of the renewal date of the state authorization by a consultant in 2002. The issue was self-reported to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (or "TCEQ"). During the first quarter of 2009, Gregory submitted its initial draft permit application to the TCEQ, which deemed it administratively complete, and completed the technical aspects of the permitting process. In December 2009, the TCEQ provided Gregory Power a draft of a new permit, and on March 15, 2010, the TCEQ issued the new permit. We believe the new permit limits are achievable by the project and will not require the installation of additional emissions control equipment.

*Power Purchase Agreements*

Gregory sells 345 MW of its output to Fortis under a PPA that began on January 1, 2009 and expires December 31, 2013. Under the terms of the Fortis agreement, Fortis pays a fixed capacity payment and an energy payment that is based on the price of natural gas at Houston Ship Channel and a contract heat rate. (Heat rate refers to the amount of natural gas that is required to generate one MW of electricity.) Energy sales to Fortis consist of two tranches; a 234 MW "must-run" block and a 111 MW "dispatchable" block. The must-run block corresponds to the project's minimum energy output while satisfying Sherwin's electricity and steam requirements without the use of Gregory's auxiliary boilers. The dispatchable block is the portion of Gregory's output that can be scheduled at the option of Fortis as either energy, ancillary services or balancing energy. Credit support for the PPA consists of a \$10 million letter of credit issued by ING which is backed by letters of credit from the project's partners, including a \$1.7 million letter of credit provided by Atlantic Power Corporation.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Gregory sells steam to Sherwin under an agreement that expires in 2020. Under the terms of the agreement, Gregory is the exclusive source of steam to Sherwin's alumina plant, up to a maximum of 1,500,000 lbs/hr.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

Gregory purchases natural gas under various short-term and long-term agreements. Gregory has the option of procuring 100% of its natural gas requirements from Kinder Morgan Tejas Pipeline, L.P., under a market-based gas supply agreement that expires in August 2010. Gregory Power has begun discussions with several gas suppliers for replacement supply when this contract expires.

In March and June 2008, the project entered into pay fixed, receive floating, natural gas swap agreements with Sempra Energy Trading Corp. for the period January 2009 through December 2010. While Gregory has structured its power and steam sales agreements to mitigate the price risk between its fuel supply and electricity sales agreements, the project has some residual exposure to natural gas price risk due to the difference between the project's actual heat rate and the contractual heat rate under the Fortis PPA. The swap agreements partially mitigate this natural gas price risk.

*Operations & Maintenance*

Babcock and Wilcox Power Generation Group, Inc. ("Babcock and Wilcox") is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Gregory project under an agreement that terminates in July 2010. The project is evaluating whether to renew the contract with Babcock and Wilcox or contract with another nationally-recognized operations and maintenance provider. The operator receives a fee for

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management of the facility (subject to escalation) on a quarterly basis and reimbursement of certain costs.

*Energy Management Services*

Gregory has entered into a contract with Tenaska Power Services, Co. to provide energy management services such as marketing excess power from the Project through the end of 2011. Tenaska will optimize Gregory's assets in the ancillary services market of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, purchase natural gas for operations, provide scheduling services, provide back-office support and serve as Gregory's retail energy provider and qualified scheduling entity.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Gregory project derives a significant portion of its operating margin through energy revenues under its PPA with Fortis. Energy revenues are dependent on the price of natural gas at Houston Ship Channel and a contract heat rate. The project achieves a margin on its energy revenue due to the facility's actual heat rate being lower than the contract heat.

Gregory also receives a capacity payment under the Fortis PPA which is dependent on maintaining certain minimum performance requirements. The project's capacity payments are subject to reduction if it fails to meet these requirements. Due to a forced outage in 2009, the project only received 98% of the full capacity revenue. However, historically the project has met all of the performance standards under the Fortis PPA.

***Topsham Project***

*General Description*

The Topsham project is a 14 MW hydroelectric facility located on the Androscoggin River at the Pejepscot dam near Topsham, Maine and began commercial operation in 1987 as a QF. A 100% undivided interest in the Topsham project and a 100% undivided interest in the Topsham project site are owned by a financial institution, in its capacity as owner trustee for the benefit of Atlantic Power Corporation (50%) and DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC (50%) as owner participants. Electricity is sold to the Central Maine Power Company (or "CMP") under a PPA that expires in 2011.

The Topsham project is leased and operated by Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership ("THP"), a Minnesota limited partnership. Pursuant to a sale and lease back transaction, THP leases both our interests in the project and in the project site until November 17, 2011. At the end of the lease term, THP has the option to renew the lease or acquire our share of the project and the project site. Lease payments made by THP are based on project's operating cash flows.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Electrical output from the Topsham project is sold to CMP under a PPA that contains a fixed price schedule and terminates on December 31, 2011.

*Operations & Maintenance*

THP operates the project and provides all general and administrative services for the project under an agreement in effect until the earlier of December 31, 2027 or upon THP becoming the owner of 100% of the project and the project site.

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***Badger Creek Project***

*General Description*

The Badger Creek project is a 46 MW simple-cycle, cogeneration facility located near Bakersfield, California which began commercial operation in 1991 as a QF. The Badger Creek project is owned by Badger Creek Limited, L.P. ("Badger"), a Texas limited partnership in which we own a 50% partnership interest. Juniper Generation, LLC, which is indirectly owned by affiliates of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC, owns the other 50% partnership interest. Electricity is sold to Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation ("PG&E") under a PPA expiring in 2011. The project typically operates in a baseload configuration. Steam is sold to OXY USA Inc., an affiliate of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, under an agreement that expires in 2011. Badger leases the approximately 3.5 acre site for the Badger Creek project under a ground lease. The term of the lease expires in July 2021 and the parties may extend for up to 10 additional one-year periods.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Electricity generated by the Badger Creek project is purchased by PG&E under a PPA that expires in 2011. The PPA provides for monthly capacity and energy payments, and Badger is entitled to receive a performance bonus if the average on-peak capacity factor exceeds 85%. The energy price received under the PPA is linked to PG&E's interim "short-run avoided cost," as discussed below.

*Steam Sales Agreement*

Steam from the Badger Creek project is sold to OXY under an agreement which expires in 2011. The agreement provides for successive renewal terms of one year unless either party gives advance notice of termination. OXY utilizes the steam in its enhanced oil recovery operations to allow for more effective and efficient extraction of heavy crude oil. Subject to certain conditions, OXY has an obligation to buy steam under this agreement in an amount not less than the minimum requirements necessary to maintain the project's status as a QF. Although OXY is not currently purchasing any power from the project, the steam agreement allows for up to 1 MW of electricity to be sold to OXY.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

The Badger Creek Project is delivered via a private pipeline that connects with the Kern River-Mojave Pipeline. The pipeline was constructed by a joint venture in which the project owns approximately 21%. An affiliate of Juniper operates the pipeline. In October 2006, Badger entered into a gas supply agreement, including transportation, with Sempra Energy Trading Corporation. In March 2008, the gas agreement was extended to cover fuel procurements through April 30, 2011.

*Operations & Maintenance*

Operations and maintenance for the Badger Creek project is performed by an affiliate of Juniper Generation, LLC under a fixed price operations and maintenance agreement. The agreement expires in 2011, but is terminable by either party upon six months' notice. The operator receives a base monthly fee, which is adjusted annually. In addition, the agreement provides for incentive fees and penalties based on the project's availability.

An affiliate of Juniper also provides all day-to-day management services required by the project and is paid a semi-annual fee for such management services based on a percentage of gross cash receipts of the project.

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*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Badger Creek Project derives a portion of its operating margin through energy revenues under the PG&E PPA. Energy revenues are dependent on PG&E's short-run avoided costs ("SRAC"), which is generally defined as the cost of electricity that a utility avoids incurring by purchasing the power from an independent power producer versus constructing and operating additional generating resources on its own. PG&E's SRAC is determined by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") in conjunction with input from independent power producers, investor owned utilities and consumer groups through the state utility regulatory process. SRAC has been, and continues to be, a highly contested issue resulting in numerous CPUC proceedings and litigation. Until August 2009, SRAC was based on an administratively determined formula. In August 2009, the CPUC implemented a new SRAC methodology called the market index formula ("MIF"), which includes both a market-based component and an administratively determined component. Ultimately, the CPUC is moving toward a 100% market-based SRAC.

In April 2009, California's Market Reform and Technology Update energy market ("MRTU") commenced operation. The MRTU is expected to provide a robustly traded day-ahead market for energy that reflects the avoided marginal energy costs of California's utilities. Upon the determination by the CPUC that the MRTU is functioning properly, MIF will no longer include the administratively determined component, which is expected to lower MIF pricing and create larger differences between peak and off-peak prices. Such a determination has not been made by the CPUC.

Badger is a party to settlement negotiations among other QF facilities, California's major investor-owned utilities, and numerous consumer and independent power producer groups on a new energy pricing formula and possible extensions of firm capacity payments for project with existing contracts that will resolve many outstanding issues between the parties. Many of the SRAC and MIF related CPUC proceedings and litigation have been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the settlement negotiations.

It is expected that the CPUC regulations applicable to Badger will be in a state of transition for the foreseeable future, and there can be no assurance that decisions by the CPUC will not have an adverse impact on Badger.

***Rumford Project***

*General Description*

The Rumford Project is a 85 MW multi-fuel (coal, wood waste and tire-derived fuel) circulating fluidized bed boiler cogeneration facility located in the town of Rumford, Maine, which began commercial operation in 1990 as a QF. The Rumford project is owned by Rumford Cogeneration Company Limited Partnership, a Maine limited partnership in which we own an approximate 25% limited partnership interest. The project was constructed for the dual purpose of supplying steam and electricity to an adjacent paper mill, the Rumford Paper Company, owned by a subsidiary of NewPage Corporation ("NewPage") and electricity to the local utility. The project is situated on a site leased from the adjacent NewPage paper mill. The lease expires on December 31, 2020.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

In February 2007, Rumford executed an Interim Financial Obligation Consolidation Agreement with Rumford Paper Company. The agreement consolidated the payment obligations of the various prior agreements between Rumford and Rumford Paper Company into a single payment obligation effective January 1, 2007. The effect of the agreement is similar to a lease wherein Rumford Paper Company assumes the risk of fuel and power price volatility as well as most operating costs. Payments under the agreement have been made quarterly to Rumford over a three year term ended

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December 31, 2009. During 2009, as a result of a dispute between NewPage and the limited partners regarding the making of the 2009 distributions and the economic viability of the project following the expiration of the agreement with Rumford Paper Company at the end of 2009, a settlement agreement was entered into which provided for the payment of the 2009 distributions to the partners. The settlement agreement further provided for the purchase by NewPage of the partners' interests in Rumford under certain conditions. If NewPage does purchase the partners' interests in Rumford, our share of the proceeds is expected to be approximately \$2.5 million.

***Koma Kulshan Project***

*General Description*

The Koma Kulshan project is a 13.3 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric generation facility located on the slopes of Mount Baker, approximately 80 miles north of Seattle, Washington, and began commercial operation in 1990 as a QF. The Koma Kulshan project is owned by Koma Kulshan Associates, a California limited partnership in which we own a 49.75% economic interest, Mt. Baker Corporation owns a 0.25% economic interest and Covanta Energy Corporation owns the remaining 50%. The Koma Kulshan project was issued a 50-year hydro license from the FERC which expires in 2037. The project and its electrical output is sold to Puget Sound Energy, Inc. under a PPA expiring in 2037.

Our and Mt. Baker Corporation's interests in the project are held through Concrete Hydro Partners, L.P. Under the Concrete partnership agreement, Mt. Baker Corporation is entitled to reimbursement of certain deferred costs associated with the original development of the project from a portion of the distributions from the project. The full repayment of these deferred costs is expected in 2010, following which distributions are projected to be made ratably to us and Mt. Baker Corporation.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Energy generated by the Koma Kulshan project is sold to Puget Sound Energy pursuant to a long-term PPA expiring in 2037. Power is sold at a per kilowatt hour rate that is adjusted annually. The term of the PPA is coterminous with the FERC license. Puget Sound Energy has the right to renew the PPA for a term equivalent to the term of any subsequent license or annual license granted by the FERC for the project.

*Operations & Maintenance*

Covanta Energy Corporation performs the operations and maintenance of the facility pursuant to an operations and maintenance agreement which expires December 31, 2010. In addition to being reimbursed for actual costs incurred, Covanta receives an annual fee adjusted for inflation.

***Delta-Person Project***

*General Description*

The Delta-Person Project is a 132 MW natural gas-fired peaking facility located near Albuquerque, New Mexico, is an exempt wholesale generator ("EWG") that commenced commercial operation in 2000. We own a 40% interest in Delta-Person and affiliates of Olympus Power, LLC and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company own the remaining interests. The Delta-Person Project is situated on PNM's (formerly Public Service of New Mexico) retired Delta Generating Station site under a lease agreement which is co-terminus with the project's PPA. The project operates as a peaking facility, which means that it is called upon to generate electricity only during unusually high periods of demand. The Delta-Person project sells all of its electrical output to PNM under a long-term PPA that expires in 2020.

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Construction of the Delta-Person project was financed through a \$59.7 million construction loan that was converted to permanent project financing once commercial operation was achieved. The permanent project financing was divided into two term loans: (i) Tranche A due March 31, 2017; and (ii) Tranche B due March 31, 2019, both of which amortize over their remaining terms.

*Power Purchase Agreement*

Electrical power generated by the Delta-Person project is purchased by PNM under a PPA that will expire in 2020. PNM has the unilateral right to extend the PPA for five years by giving written notice of such extension no later than two years prior to the end of the original term of the PPA. Subject to adjustments provided for in the PPA, PNM will purchase and accept the entire output of the project when PNM calls upon the capacity. Payments consist of: (i) the energy purchase price multiplied by the kilowatt hours delivered; (ii) the capacity purchase price multiplied by the dependable capacity; (iii) the project's cost of purchasing electric service from PNM for the operations and maintenance of the facility; and (iv) any other applicable charges. In order to earn full capacity payments, the project must maintain availability of at least 90%, which the project has historically achieved.

*Fuel Supply Arrangements*

The project purchases fuel from PNM Gas Services, a division of PNM, with fuel costs passed through to PNM under the PPA. The project has access to an interruptible gas supply and transportation like other standard industrial customers on PNM Gas Services' system.

*Operations & Maintenance*

As a simple cycle peaking facility, the project operations do not require extensive staffing and technical resources. Olympus Power provides asset management services, which include operational and contractual oversight of the facility, budget setting and environmental compliance.

*Factors Influencing Project Results*

The Delta-Person project derives a significant portion of its operating margin through capacity payments under the PPA with PNM. The capacity payment is based on two components which adjust annually with changes in inflation and interest rates. The capacity payment may be reduced on a monthly basis if the project's availability falls below 97%. The project has rarely experienced such adjustment. Energy payments are based on a variable operations and maintenance component, a fuel component and an availability incentive. The fuel component consists of the actual price the project pays for fuel and a contract heat rate. The contract heat rate is slightly higher than the project's average operating heat rate which generates additional energy revenue; however the artificially higher heat rate adversely affects the dispatch of the project by PNM at current market conditions.

*Biomass Development Projects*

Biomass-derived power is a well-established, conventional technology. In biomass power plants, the fuel is burned in a boiler to create steam that turns a turbine to generate electricity. In general, biomass power plants are designed to be operated as baseload units. While biomass encompasses a broad range of potential fuels, our activities are focused on "wood-residue" biomass. This feedstock includes virgin wood (from forests, wood processing facilities, etc.), agricultural residues, industrial and commercial waste, etc. Our facilities are eligible for renewable energy credits and may also qualify for certain federal tax benefits, depending on their construction schedule. We are pursuing six biomass projects with partners who bring specific skills to their development, as more fully described below.

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***Rollcast Energy, Inc.***

Rollcast Energy, Inc. develops, owns and operates renewable power plants that use wood or biomass fuel. Rollcast, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, has five 50 MW biomass power plants in various stages of development in the southeastern U.S. In March 2009, we acquired a 40% equity interest in Rollcast and in March 2010, we acquired an additional 15% interest, increasing our total ownership to approximately 55%. The terms of our investment in Rollcast provide us the option, but not the obligation, to invest in Rollcast's first five biomass power plants. Two of the development projects have obtained 20-year PPAs with terms that allow for the pass-through of fuel costs to the utility customer. One of those projects has signed an agreement with two banks to co-arrange project-level debt financing, which is expected to close in the second quarter of 2010.

***Onondaga Renewables, LLC***

Onondaga Renewables, LLC is a 50/50 joint venture between us and Catalyst Renewables LLC formed in December 2008 to repower our decommissioned 91 MW gas-fired cogeneration facility located in Geddes, New York. Utilizing locally acquired biomass fuel, the proposed facility is expected to have a capacity of approximately 45 MW. Onondaga is currently in the process of obtaining a PPA for the full output of the facility.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Our asset management strategy is to partner with recognized leaders in the independent power business. Most of our projects are managed by Caithness Energy, LLC; Cogentrix Energy, Inc., a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs; and, in the case of Path 15, the Western Area Power Administration, a U.S. Federal power agency. On a case-by-case basis, Caithness, Cogentrix, and Western may provide: (i) day-to-day project-level management, such as operations and maintenance and asset management activities; (ii) partnership level management tasks, such as insurance renewals; and (iii) passive partnership level management, such as acting as limited partner. In some cases these project managers or the project partnerships may subcontract with other firms experienced in project operations, such as GE, to provide for day-to-day plant operations. In addition, employees of Atlantic Power Corporation with significant experience managing similar assets are involved in most decisions with the objective to choose value-creating transactions such as contract restructurings, asset-level refinancing, acquisitions and divestitures.

Caithness Energy, LLC is one of the largest privately-held independent power producers in the United States. For over 25 years in the independent power business, Caithness, has been actively engaged in the development, acquisition and management of independent power facilities for its own account as well as in venture arrangements with other entities. Caithness operates our Auburndale, Lake and Pasco projects and provides other asset management services for our Orlando, Selkirk and Badger Creek projects.

Cogentrix Energy, Inc develops, owns, and operates independent power plants, located primarily in the U.S. Cogentrix manages the operation of the Chambers and Selkirk projects. New York-based investment firm Goldman Sachs Group acquired Cogentrix in December 2003. In November 2007, Goldman Sachs sold 80% of its interest in a number of the Cogentrix independent power plants, including Chambers and Selkirk to Energy Investors Funds, an established private equity fund manager that invests in the U.S. energy and electric power sector. Cogentrix continues to manage the Chambers and Selkirk projects.

The Western Area Power Administration ("Western") markets and delivers hydroelectric power and related services within a 15-state region of the central and western United States. Western is one of four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy whose role is to market and transmit electricity from multi-use water projects. Western's transmission system carries electricity



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from 57 power plants operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the International Boundary and Water Commission. Together, these plants have an operating capacity of approximately 8,785 MW. Western owns and operates the Path 15 transmission line.

## **INDUSTRY REGULATION**

### **Overview**

In the United States, the trend towards restructuring the electric power industry and the introduction of competition in electricity generation began with the passage and implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended ("PURPA"). Among other things, PURPA, as implemented by the FERC, generally required that vertically integrated electric utilities purchase power from QFs at their avoided cost. The FERC defines avoided cost as the incremental cost to a utility of energy or capacity which, but for the purchase from QFs, the utility would itself generate or purchase from another source. This requirement was modified in 2005, as discussed below.

Electric transmission assets, such as our Path 15 project, are regulated by the FERC on a traditional cost-of-service rate base methodology. This approach allows a transmission company to establish a revenue requirement which provides an opportunity to recover operating costs, depreciation and amortization, and a return on capital. The revenue requirement and calculation methodology is reviewed by the FERC in periodic rate cases. As determined by the FERC, all prudently incurred operating and maintenance costs, capital expenditures, debt costs and a return on equity may be collected in rates charged.

### **Carbon Emissions**

In the United States, government policy addressing carbon emissions continued to gain momentum over the last two years. Beginning in 2009, the RGGI was established in ten Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states as the first cap-and-trade program in the United States for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The states have varied implementation plans and schedules. Two of these states, New York and New Jersey, also provide cost mitigation for independent power projects with certain types of power contracts. Other states and regions in the United States are developing similar regulations and it is expected that federal climate legislation will be established in the future.

Federal bills to create both a cap-and-trade allowance system and a renewable/efficiency portfolio standard have been introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate, although passage of a bill with both elements has become less likely over the past year. Separately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has asserted its right to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and could press forward with an initiative independent of legislative efforts.

Additionally, more than half of the U.S. states and most Canadian provinces have set mandates requiring certain levels of renewable energy production and/or energy efficiency during target timeframes. This includes generation from wind, solar and biomass. In order to meet CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals, changes in the generation fuel mix are forecasted to include a reduction in existing coal resources, higher reliance on nuclear, natural gas, and renewable energy resources and an increase in demand-side resources. Investments in new or upgraded transmission lines will be required to move increasing renewable generation from more remote locations to load centers.

### **Regulation Generating Projects**

Ten of our power generating projects are qualified facilities under PURPA and related FERC regulations. The Delta-Person and Pasco projects are not QFs but are both EWGs under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, as amended ("PUHCA"). The generating projects with QF status and which are currently party to a power purchase agreement with a utility or have been granted

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authority to charge market-based rates are exempt from FERC rate-making authority. The FERC has granted seven of the projects the authority to charge market-based rates based primarily on a finding that the project lacks market power. These projects are thus not subject to FERC rate-making. The generating projects are exempt from regulation under PUHCA and the projects with QF status are also exempt from state regulation respecting the rates of electric utilities and the financial or organizational regulation of electric utilities.

A QF falls into one or both of two primary classes, both of which would facilitate more efficient use of fossil fuels to generate electricity than typical utility plants. The first class of QFs includes energy producers that generate power using renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, biomass or waste fuels. The second class of QFs includes cogeneration facilities, which must meet specific fossil fuel efficiency requirements by producing both electricity and steam versus electricity only. With the exception of QFs, generation, transmission and distribution of electricity remained largely owned by vertically integrated electric utilities until the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (the "EP Act of 1992") and subsequent orders in 1996, along with electric industry restructuring initiated at the state level. Among other things, the EP Act of 1992 enhanced the FERC's power to order open access to power transmission systems, contributing to significant growth in the independent power generation industry.

In August 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the "EP Act of 2005") was enacted, which removed certain regulatory constraints on investment in utility power producers. The EP Act of 2005 also limited the requirement from PURPA that electric utilities buy electricity from QFs to certain markets that lack competitive characteristics. Finally, the EP Act of 2005 amended and expanded the reach of the FERC's corporate merger approval authority under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

All of our projects are subject to reliability standards developed and enforced by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"). NERC is a self-regulatory organization that is a non-governmental entity which has statutory responsibility to regulate bulk power system users, generation and transmission owners and operators through the adoption and enforcement of standards for fair, ethical and efficient practices.

In March 2007, the FERC issued an order approving mandatory reliability standards proposed by NERC in response to the August 2003 northeastern U.S. blackouts. As the result, users, owners and operators of the bulk power system can be penalized significantly for failing to comply with the FERC-approved reliability standards. We have designated our Senior Director for Asset Management as our FERC Compliance Officer responsible for meeting the FERC and NERC requirements and an outside law firm specializing in this area advises us on FERC and NERC compliance, including annual compliance training for relevant employees.

**Regulation Transmission Project**

The revenues received by the Path 15 project are regulated by the FERC through a rate review process every three years that sets an annual revenue requirement. Under terms of the initial rate case settlement, the project must go through the FERC review every three years.

The Path 15 project's initial three-year rate period's revenue requirement expired at the end of 2007. On December 21, 2007, the Project submitted to the FERC its revenue requirement for the 2008 through 2010 period. In an order issued February 2008, the FERC allowed the rates as filed in December 2007 to go into effect subject to refund pending the outcome of the regulatory proceedings. The FERC also accepted several of the project's key methodological approaches, including use of a 13.5% return on equity. A number of parties requested rehearing on such issues. On March 23, 2009, the Path 15 project filed an uncontested settlement offer with the FERC, for rehearing in the Path 15 project's rate case proceeding. We believe that the settlement was reasonable and will not significantly impact the expected cash flow from the project. On August 3, 2009, the FERC issued an order

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approving the settlement. Thereafter, on October 30, 2009 the Path 15 project issued refunds reflecting the difference between the rates collected as of February 2008 pursuant to the December 2007 filing and the rates provided for under the settlement. Since May 2009, the Path 15 project has been receiving revenues based on the revenue requirement established by the settlement. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, Path 15 is required to submit its revenue requirement for the 2011 through 2013 rate period to the FERC in February 2011. The preparation of this new rate filing will commence in the third quarter of 2010.

**COMPETITION**

The power generation industry is characterized by intense competition, and our projects compete against utilities, industrial companies and other independent power producers. In recent years, there has been increasing competition among generators in an effort to obtain power sales agreements, and this competition has contributed to a reduction in electricity prices in certain markets where supply has surpassed demand plus appropriate reserve margins. In addition, many states are implementing or considering regulatory initiatives designed to increase competition in the U.S. power industry.

The U.S. power industry is continuing to undergo consolidation and may offer attractive acquisition and investment opportunities, although we believe that we will continue to confront significant competition for those opportunities and, to the extent that any opportunities are identified, we may be unable to effect acquisitions or investments on attractive terms. We compete for acquisition opportunities with numerous private equity funds, Canadian and U.S. independent power firms, utility genco subsidiaries and other strategic and financial players. Our competitive advantages include industry knowledge, experience and contacts to better access, analyze and execute acquisition opportunities and potential partners; reputation of the firm and its executive officers; capital availability and cost; knowledge, experience and contacts in finance to flexibly access and structure advantageous leverage options. We have similar strength in asset management and optimization.

**EMPLOYEES**

As of March 29, 2010, we had 13 full-time employees. None of our employees is represented by any collective bargaining unit or a party to any collective bargaining agreement.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

**Risks Related to Our Business and Our Projects**

*Our revenue may be reduced upon the expiration or termination of our power purchase agreements*

Power generated by our projects, in most cases, is sold under power purchase agreements (or "PPAs") that expire at various times. In addition, these PPAs may be subject to termination in certain circumstances, including default by the project. When a PPA expires or is terminated, it is possible that the price received by the project for power under subsequent arrangements may be reduced significantly. It is possible that subsequent PPAs may not be available at prices that permit the operation of the project on a profitable basis. If this occurs, the affected project may temporarily or permanently cease operations.

*Our projects depend on their electricity, thermal energy and transmission services customers*

Each of our projects rely on one or more PPAs, steam sales agreements or other agreements with one or more utilities or other customers for a substantial portion of its revenue. The largest customers of our power generation projects, including projects recorded under equity method of accounting, are Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF"), Tampa Electric Company ("TECO"), and Atlantic City Electric ("ACE"), which purchase approximately 40%, 15% and 11%, respectively, of the net electric generation capacity of our projects. The amount of cash available for distribution to shareholders is highly dependent upon customers under such agreements fulfilling their contractual obligations. There is no assurance that these customers will perform their obligations or make required payments.

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***Certain of our projects are exposed to fluctuations in the price of electricity***

Those of our projects with no PPA or a PPAs based on spot market pricing will be exposed to fluctuations in the wholesale price of electricity. In addition, should any of the long-term PPAs expire or terminate, the relevant project will be required to either negotiate a new PPA or sell into the electricity wholesale market, in which case the prices for electricity will depend on market conditions at the time.

***Our projects may not operate as planned***

The revenue generated by our projects is dependent, in whole or in part, on the amount of electric energy and steam generated by them. The ability of our projects to generate the required amount of power to be sold to customers under the PPAs is a primary determinant of the amount of cash that will be distributed from the project to us, and that will in turn be available for dividends paid to our shareholders. There is a risk of equipment failure due to wear and tear, latent defect, design error or operator error, among other things, which could adversely affect revenues and cash flow. To the extent that our projects' equipment requires more frequent and/or longer than forecast down times for maintenance and repair, or suffers disruptions of power generation for other reasons, the amount of cash available for dividends may be adversely affected.

In general, our projects transmit electric power to the transmission grid for purchase under the PPAs through a single step up transformer. As a result, the transformer represents a single point of vulnerability and may exhibit no abnormal behavior in advance of a catastrophic failure that could cause a temporary shutdown of the facility until a spare transformer can be found or a replacement manufactured. If the reason for a shutdown is outside of the control of the operator, a project may be able to make a force majeure claim for temporary relief of its obligations under the project contracts such as the PPA, fuel supply, steam sales agreement, a project-level debt agreement or otherwise mitigate impacts through business interruption insurance policies. If successful, such a claim may prevent a default or reduce monetary losses under such contracts. However, a force majeure claim may be challenged by the contract counterparty and, to the extent the challenge is successful, the outage may still have a materially adverse effect on the project.

***Our projects depend on suppliers under fuel supply agreements and increases in fuel costs may adversely affect the profitability of the projects***

Revenues earned by our projects may be affected by the availability, or lack of availability, of a stable supply of fuel at reasonable or predictable prices. To the extent possible, the projects attempt to match fuel cost setting mechanisms in supply agreements to energy payments formulas in the PPA. To the extent that fuel costs are not matched well to PPA energy payments, increases in fuel costs may adversely affect the profitability of the projects.

The amount of energy generated at the projects is highly dependent on suppliers under certain fuel supply agreements fulfilling their contractual obligations. The loss of significant fuel supply agreements or an inability or failure by any supplier to meet its contractual commitments may adversely affect dividends to our shareholders.

Upon the expiration or termination of existing fuel supply agreements, we or our project operators will have to renegotiate these agreements or may need to source fuel from other suppliers. There can be no assurance that we or our project operators will be able to renegotiate these agreements or enter into new agreements on similar terms. Furthermore, there can be no assurance as to availability of the supply or pricing of fuel under new arrangements and it can be very difficult to accurately predict the future prices of fuel.

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The amount of energy generated at the projects is dependent upon the availability of natural gas, coal, oil or biomass. There can be no assurance that the long-term availability of such resources will remain unchanged.

***Our projects depend on a favorable regulatory regime***

The profitability of our projects is in part dependent upon the continuation of a favorable regulatory climate with respect to the continuing operations and the future growth and development of the independent power industry. Should the regulatory regime in an applicable jurisdiction be modified in a manner which adversely affects the projects, including increases in taxes and permit fees, dividends to shareholders may be adversely affected. The failure to obtain all necessary licenses or permits, including renewals thereof or modifications thereto, may also adversely affect cash available for distribution.

***Our operations are subject to the provisions of various energy laws and regulations***

Generally, in the United States, our projects are subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or "FERC", regarding the terms and conditions of wholesale service and rates, as well as by state agencies regarding PPAs entered into by qualifying facility projects and the siting of the generation facilities. The majority of our generation is sold by qualifying facility projects under PPAs that required approval by state authorities.

In August 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was enacted, which removed certain regulatory constraints on investment in utility power producers. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 also limited the requirement that electric utilities buy electricity from qualifying facilities to certain markets that lack competitive characteristics, potentially making it more difficult for our current and future projects to negotiate favorable PPAs with these utilities. Finally, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended and expanded the reach of the FERC's merger approval authority.

If any project that is a qualifying facility were to lose its status as a qualifying facility, then such project may no longer be entitled to exemption from provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 or from provisions of the Federal Power Act and state law and regulations. Such project may be able to obtain exempt wholesale generator status to maintain its exemption from the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, however there can be no assurance provided that our projects will be able to obtain such exemptions. Loss of qualifying facility status could trigger defaults under covenants to maintain qualifying facility status in the PPAs, steam sales agreements and project-level debt agreements and if not cured within allowed cure periods, could result in termination of agreements, penalties or acceleration of indebtedness under such agreements, plus interest.

Our projects would also have to file with the FERC for market-based rates or file for acceptance for filing of the rates set forth in the applicable PPA, and our projects' rates would then be subject to initial and potentially subsequent reviews by the FERC under the Federal Power Act, which could result in reductions to the rates.

Our projects require licenses, permits and approvals which can be in addition to any required environmental permits. No assurance can be provided that we will be able to obtain, comply with and renew, as required, all necessary licenses, permits and approvals for these facilities. If we cannot comply with and renew as required all applicable regulations, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides incentives for various forms of electric generation technologies, which may subsidize our competitors. In addition, pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the FERC selected an electric reliability organization which imposes mandatory reliability rules

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and standards. Among other things, the FERC's rules implementing these provisions allow such reliability organizations to impose sanctions on generators that violate their new reliability rules.

We cannot provide assurance that the introductions of new laws, or other future regulatory developments, will not have a material adverse impact on our business, operations or financial condition.

***Future Federal Energy Regulation Commission rate determinations could negatively impact Path 15's cash flows***

The stability of Path 15's cash flows will continue to be subject to the risk of the FERC's adjusting the expected formulation of revenues upon its rate review every three years. The cost-of-service methodology currently applied by the FERC is well established and transparent; however, certain inputs in the FERC's determination of rates are subject to its discretion, including in response to protests from interveners in such rate cases, which include return on equity and the recovery of certain extraordinary expenses. Unfavorable decisions on these matters could adversely affect the cash flow, financial position and results of operations of us and Path 15, and could adversely affect our cash available for dividends.

***Noncompliance with regulations and standards may subject us and our projects to penalties***

North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") is a self-regulatory organization that is a non-governmental entity which has statutory responsibility to regulate bulk power system users, generation and transmission owners and operators. NERC groups the users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system into 17 categories, known as functional entities i.e., Generator Owner, Generator Operator, Purchasing Selling Entity, etc. according to the tasks they perform. The NERC Compliance Registry lists the entities responsible for complying with the mandatory reliability standards and the FERC, NERC, or a regional reliability organization may assess penalties against any responsible entity found to be in noncompliance. Violations may be discovered through self-certification, compliance audits, spot checking, self-reporting, compliance investigations by NERC (or a regional reliability organization) and the FERC, periodic data submittals, exception reporting, and complaints. NERC and the FERC have assigned a Violation Risk Factor of High, Medium, or Lower to each requirement of the mandatory reliability standards corresponding to the risk to the bulk power system associated with a violation of that requirement. The penalty that might be imposed for violating the requirements of the standards is a function of the Violation Risk Factor. Penalties for the most severe violations can reach as high as \$1 million per violation, per day.

***Predicting project cash flows over the long term is difficult***

Due to the many uncertainties described in this risk factors section that could materially affect our future revenues or expenses, it can be difficult to make accurate long term projections of our cash flows..

***Our projects are subject to significant environmental and other regulations***

Our projects are subject to numerous and significant federal, state and local laws, including statutes, regulations, by-laws, guidelines, policies, directives and other requirements governing or relating to, among other things: air emissions; discharges into water; ash disposal; the storage, handling, use, transportation and distribution of dangerous goods and hazardous and residual materials, such as chemicals; the prevention of releases of hazardous materials into the environment; the prevention, presence and remediation of hazardous materials in soil and groundwater, both on and off site; land use and zoning matters; and workers' health and safety matters. As such, the operation of our projects carries an inherent risk of environmental, health and safety liabilities (including potential civil actions,

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compliance or remediation orders, fines and other penalties), and may result in the projects being involved from time to time in administrative and judicial proceedings relating to such matters.

Environmental laws and regulations have generally become more stringent over time, and this trend may continue. In particular, the Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated regulations under the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule ("CAIR") requiring additional reductions in nitrogen oxides, or "NO<sub>x</sub>", and sulphur dioxide, or "SO<sub>2</sub>", emissions, beginning in 2009 and 2010 respectively, and has also promulgated regulations requiring reductions in mercury emissions from coal-fired electric generating units, beginning in 2010 with more substantial reductions in 2018. Moreover, certain of the states in which we operate have promulgated air pollution control regulations which are more stringent than existing and proposed federal regulations. While CAIR was set aside by a court decision last year, the Environmental Protection Agency is currently working on reinstatement of the program. Also, regulations are under consideration that would modify the CAIR program: distribution of NO<sub>x</sub> allocations at no cost to generators, to an auction based program for all allocations.

Ongoing public concerns about emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases from power plants have resulted in proposed laws and regulations at the federal, state and regional levels that, if they were to take effect substantially as proposed, would likely apply to project operations. For example, the multi-state CO<sub>2</sub> cap-and-trade program known as the RGGI would apply to our fossil fuel facilities in the Northeast region. The RGGI program went into effect on January 1, 2009. CO<sub>2</sub> allocations are now a tradeable commodity, currently averaging in the \$2.05 to \$3.20/ton range. The State of Florida has conducted stakeholder meetings as part of the process of developing GHG emissions regulations, the most recent of which was in January 2009. Discussions indicate favoring a program similar to that of RGGI.

In 2006, the State of California passed legislation initiating two programs to control/reduce the creation of GHG. The two laws, more commonly known as AB 32 and SB 1368, are currently in the regulatory rulemaking phase which will involve public comment and negotiations over specific provisions. Development towards the implementation of this program continues.

Under AB 32 (the California Global Warming Act of 2006) the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") is required to adopt a GHG emissions cap on all major sources (not limited to the electric sector). In order to do so, it must adopt regulations for the mandatory reporting and verification of GHG emissions and to reduce state-wide emissions of GHG to 1990 levels by 2020. This will most likely require that electric generating facilities reduce their emissions of GHG or pay for the right to emit by the implementation date of January 1, 2012. The program has yet to be finalized and the decision as to whether allocations will be distributed or auctioned will be determined in the rulemaking process that is currently underway. Discussion to date favors an auction-based allocation program.

SB 1368 added the requirement that the California Energy Commission, in consultation with the CPUC and the CARB establish GHG emission performance standards and implement regulations for power purchase agreements that exceed five years entered into prospectively by publicly-owned electric utilities. The legislation directs the CEC to establish the performance standard as one not exceeding the rate of GHG emitted per megawatt-hour associated with combined-cycle, gas turbine baseload generation, such as our Badger Creek project. Provisions are under consideration in the rulemaking to allow facilities that have higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to be able to negotiate PPA's for up to a five-year period or sell power to entities not subject to SB 1368.

In addition to the regional initiatives, legislation for the regulation of GHG has been introduced at the federal level and if passed, may eventually override the regional efforts with a national cap and trade program. Federal bills to create both a cap-and-trade allowance system and a renewable/efficiency portfolio standard have been introduced in both the house and senate, although passage of a bill with both elements has become less likely over the past year. Separately, the U.S. Environmental Protection

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Agency has asserted its right to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and could press forward with an initiative independent of legislative efforts.

Significant expenditures may be required for either capital expenditures or the purchase of allowances under any or all of these programs to keep the projects' facilities compliant with environmental laws and regulations. The projects' PPAs do not allow for the pass through of emissions allowance or emission reduction capital expenditure costs, with the exception of Pasco. If it is not economical to make those expenditures it may be necessary to retire or mothball facilities, or restrict or modify our operations to comply with more stringent standards.

Our projects have obtained environmental permits and other approvals that are required for their operations. Compliance with applicable laws and future changes to them is material to our businesses. Although we believe the operations of the projects are currently in material compliance with applicable environmental laws, licenses, permits and other authorizations required for the operation of the projects and although there are environmental monitoring and reporting systems in place with respect to all the projects, there is no guarantee that more stringent laws will not be imposed, that there will not be more stringent enforcement of applicable laws or that such systems may not fail, which may result in material expenditures. Failure by the projects to comply with any environmental, health or safety requirements, or increases in the cost of such compliance, including as a result of unanticipated liabilities or expenditures for investigation, assessment, remediation or prevention, could result in additional expense, capital expenditures, restrictions and delays in the projects' activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted.

***Increasing competition could adversely affect our performance and the performance of our projects***

The power generation industry is characterized by intense competition, and our projects encounter competition from utilities, industrial companies and other independent power producers, in particular with respect to un-contracted output. In recent years, there has been increasing competition among generators for power sales agreements, and this has contributed to a reduction in electricity prices in certain markets where supply has surpassed demand plus appropriate reserve margins. In addition, many states have implemented or are considering regulatory initiatives designed to increase competition in the U.S. power industry.

***We have limited control over management decisions at certain projects***

In many cases, our projects are not wholly-owned by us, and in some cases we have limited control over the operation of the projects. Third-party operators manage the operations of many of the projects. As such, we must rely on the technical and management expertise of these third-party operators, although typically we are represented on a management or operating committee if we do not own 100% of a project. To the extent that such third party operators do not fulfill their obligations to manage the operations of the projects or are not effective in doing so, the amount of cash available for distribution may be adversely affected.

***Sufficient capital may not be available to fund acquisitions, investments, expansions or capital expenditures***

Future acquisitions, investments, expansions and other capital expenditures by us will be financed by cash generated from operations, sales of additional securities and borrowings. There can be no assurance that sufficient capital will be available on acceptable terms to fund acquisitions, investments, capital expenditures or expansion projects.



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***We may face significant competition for acquisitions and may not successfully integrate acquisitions***

Our business plan includes growth through identifying suitable acquisition opportunities, pursuing such opportunities, consummating acquisitions and effectively integrating them with our business. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify attractive acquisition candidates in the power industry in the future, that we will be able to make acquisitions on an accretive basis or that acquisitions will be successfully integrated into our existing operations.

Although electricity demand will grow creating the need for more generation and the U.S. power industry is continuing to undergo consolidation and may offer attractive acquisition opportunities, we are likely to confront significant competition for those opportunities and, to the extent that any opportunities are identified, we may be unable to effect acquisitions or investments.

Any acquisition or investment may involve potential risks, including an increase in indebtedness, the inability to successfully integrate operations, the potential disruption of our ongoing business, the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns and the possibility that we pay more than the acquired company or interest is worth. There may also be liabilities that we fail to discover, or are unable to discover, in our due diligence prior to the consummation of an acquisition, and we may not be indemnified for some or all these liabilities. In addition, our funding requirements associated with acquisitions and integration costs may reduce the funds available to us to make dividend payments.

***Operations are subject to a number of natural and inherent risks***

The occurrence of a significant event which disrupts the ability of the projects to produce or sell power for an extended period, including events which preclude existing customers from purchasing power, could have a material adverse effect on the amount of cash that will be available for distribution to holders of our common shares. A certain portion of such event or events may, however, be mitigated by the projects' insurance programs.

***Insurance may not be sufficient to cover all losses***

While we believe that the projects' insurance coverage addresses all material insurable risks, provides coverage that is similar to what would be maintained by a prudent owner/operator of similar facilities, and are subject to deductibles, limits and exclusions which are customary or reasonable given the cost of procuring insurance, current operating conditions and insurance market conditions, there can be no assurance that such insurance will continue to be offered on an economically feasible basis, nor that all events that could give rise to a loss or liability are insurable, nor that the amounts of insurance will at all times be sufficient to cover each and every loss or claim that may occur involving our assets or operations of our projects.

***Financing arrangements could impact our business***

Our current or future borrowings could increase the level of financial risk to us and, to the extent that the interest rates are not fixed and rise; or that borrowings are refinanced at higher rates, then cash available for dividends could be adversely affected. Covenants in those borrowings may also adversely affect cash available for dividends. In addition, most of the projects currently have term loan or other financing arrangements in place with various lenders. These financing arrangements are typically secured by all of the project assets and contracts as well as the equity interests in the project operator (including those owned by us). The terms of these financing arrangements generally impose many covenants and obligations on the part of the project operator and other borrowers and guarantors. For example, some agreements contain requirements to maintain specified debt service coverage ratios before cash may be distributed from the relevant project to us. In many cases, a default by any party under other project operating agreements (such as a PPA or a fuel supply agreement) will

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also constitute a default under the project's term loan or other financing arrangement. Failure to comply with the terms of these term loans or other financing arrangements, or events of default thereunder, may prevent cash distributions by the project to us and may entitle the lenders to demand repayment and enforce their security against project assets and an ownership interest.

Our failure to refinance or repay any indebtedness when due could constitute a default under such indebtedness. Under such circumstances, it is expected that dividends to our shareholders would not be permitted until such indebtedness was refinanced or repaid and we may be required to sell assets or take other actions, including the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings or the commencement of an out-of-court debt restructuring.

***Our equity interests in our projects may be subject to transfer restrictions***

The partnership or other agreements governing some of the projects may limit a partner's ability to sell its interest. Specifically, these agreements may prohibit any sale, pledge, transfer, assignment or other conveyance of the interest in a project without the consent of the other partners. In some cases, other partners may have rights of first offer or rights of first refusal in the event of a proposed sale or transfer of our interest. These restrictions may limit or prevent us from managing our interests in the projects in the manner we see fit, and may have an adverse effect on our ability to sell our interests in these projects.

***The projects' operations are subject to operating and legal risks***

The projects' operations are subject to all operating hazards and risks normally incidental to the generation of electricity. As a result, at any given time, the projects, project operators and other entities associated with the operation of the projects may be defendants in various legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. The projects maintain insurance policies with insurers in amounts and with coverages and deductibles that we believe to be reasonable and prudent. However, there can be no assurance that this insurance will be adequate to protect the projects from all material expenses related to potential future claims for loss or damage or that these levels of insurance will be available in the future at economical prices. A significant judgment against any project or project operator, the loss of a significant permit or other approval or the imposition of a significant fine or penalty could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and future prospects and could adversely affect dividends to our shareholders.

***The projects are exposed to risks inherent in the use of derivative instruments***

We and the projects may use derivative instruments, including futures, forwards, options and swaps, to manage commodity and financial market risks. In the future, the project operators could recognize financial losses on these arrangements as a result of volatility in the market values of the underlying commodities or if a counterparty fails to perform under a contract. If actively quoted market prices and pricing information from external sources are available, the valuation of these contracts would involve judgment or use of estimates. As a result, changes in the underlying assumptions or use of alternative valuation methods could affect the reported fair value of these contracts.

**Risks related to our structure**

***We are dependent on our projects for virtually all cash available for dividends***

We are dependent on the operations and assets of the projects through our indirect ownership of interests in the projects. The actual amount of cash available for dividends to our shareholders depends upon numerous factors, including profitability, changes in revenues, fluctuations in working capital, availability under existing credit facilities, capital expenditure levels, applicable laws, compliance with contracts and contractual restrictive covenants contained in any debt documentation.

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***Distribution of available cash may restrict our potential growth***

A payout of a significant portion of substantially all of our operating cash flow will make additional capital and operating expenditures dependent on increased cash flow or additional financing in the future. Lack of these funds could limit our future growth and cash flow. In addition, we may be precluded from pursuing otherwise attractive acquisitions or investments because they may not be accretive to us on a short-term basis.

***Future dividends are not guaranteed***

Our board of directors may, in their discretion, amend or repeal the existing distribution policy relating to equity distributions. Future dividends, if any, will depend on, among other things, the results of operations, working capital requirements, financial condition, restrictive covenants, business opportunities, provisions of applicable law and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant. Our board of directors may decrease the level of or entirely discontinue payment of dividends.

***Exchange rate fluctuations may impact our amount of cash available for dividends***

Our payments to shareholders and convertible debenture holders are denominated in Canadian dollars. Conversely, all of our projects' revenues and expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars. As a result, we are exposed to currency exchange rate risks. Despite our hedges against this risk through 2013, there can be no assurance that any arrangements to mitigate this exchange rate risk will be sufficient to fully protect against this risk. If hedging transactions do not fully protect against this risk, changes in the currency exchange rate between U.S. and Canadian dollars could adversely affect our cash dividends.

***Our indebtedness could negatively impact our business and our projects***

The degree to which we are leveraged on a consolidated basis could increase and have important consequences to our shareholders, including:

our ability in the future to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be limited;

we may be unable to refinance indebtedness on terms acceptable to us or at all; and

we may be limited in our ability to withstand competitive pressures.

***Changes in our creditworthiness may affect the value of our common shares***

Changes to our perceived creditworthiness may affect the market price or value and the liquidity of our common shares. The interest rate we pay on our credit facility increase if certain credit ratios deteriorate.

***Future issuances of our common shares could result in dilution***

Our articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of an unlimited number of common shares for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as are established by our board of directors without the approval of any of our shareholders. We may issue additional common shares in connection with a future financing or acquisition. The issuance of additional common shares may dilute an investor's investment in us and reduce distributable cash per common share.

***Investment eligibility***

There can be no assurance that our common shares will continue to be qualified investments under relevant U.S. and Canadian tax laws for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans,



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registered retirement income funds, deferred profit sharing plans and registered education savings plans.

***We are subject to Canadian tax***

As a Canadian corporation, we are generally subject to Canadian federal, provincial and other taxes, and dividends paid by us are generally subject to Canadian withholding tax if paid to a shareholder that is not a resident of Canada. Furthermore, in connection with our conversion from an IPS structure to a traditional common share structure and the related reorganization of our organizational structure, we received a note from our primary U.S. holding company (the "Intercompany Note"). We are required to include in computing our taxable income interest on the Intercompany Note. We expect that our existing tax attributes initially will be available to offset this income inclusion such that it will not result in an immediate material increase to our liability for Canadian taxes. However, once we fully utilize our existing tax attributes (or if, for any reason, these attributes were not available to us), our Canadian tax liability would materially increase. Although we intend to explore potential opportunities in the future to preserve the tax efficiency of our structure, no assurances can be given that our Canadian tax liability will not materially increase at that time.

***Other Canadian federal income tax risks***

There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws and Canada Revenue Agency administrative policies respecting the Canadian federal income tax consequences generally applicable to us, to our subsidiaries, or to a holder of common shares will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects holders of our common shares. See "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this registration statement for more details.

***Our U.S. subsidiaries are subject to U.S. tax***

Our subsidiaries that are incorporated in the United States are subject to U.S. federal income tax on their income at regular corporate rates (currently as high as 35%, plus state and local taxes). Our U.S. holding company will claim interest deductions with respect to the Intercompany Note in computing its income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. To the extent this interest expense is disallowed or is otherwise not deductible, the U.S. federal income tax liability of our U.S. holding company will increase, which could materially affect the after-tax cash available to distribute to us. While we received advice from our U.S. tax counsel, based on certain representations by us and our U.S. holding company and determinations made by our independent advisors, that the Intercompany Note should be treated as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it is possible that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") could successfully challenge that position and assert that the Intercompany Note should be treated as equity rather than debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In this case, the otherwise deductible interest on the Intercompany Note would be treated as non-deductible distributions and would be subject to U.S. withholding tax to the extent our U.S. holding company had current or accumulated earnings and profits. The determination of whether the U.S. holding company's indebtedness to us is debt or equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes is based on an analysis of the facts and circumstances. There is no clear statutory definition of debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and its characterization is governed by principals developed in case law, which analyzes numerous factors that are intended to identify the economic substance of the purported creditor's interest in the borrower. Furthermore, not all courts have applied this analysis in the same manner, and some courts have placed more emphasis on certain factors than other courts have. Alternatively, the IRS could argue that the interest on the Intercompany Note exceeds an arm's length rate, in which case only the portion of the interest expense that does not exceed an arm's length rate may be deductible and the remainder would be subject to U.S. withholding tax to the extent our U.S. holding company had current or accumulated earnings and profits. We have received advice from independent

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advisors that the interest rate on such indebtedness is commercially reasonable in the circumstances, but the advice is not binding on the IRS.

Furthermore, our U.S. holding company's deductions attributable to the interest expense on the intercompany note may be limited by the amount by which its net interest expense (the interest paid by our U.S. holding company on all debt, including the Intercompany Note, less its interest income) exceeds 50% of its adjusted taxable income (generally, U.S. federal taxable income before net interest expense, depreciation, amortization and taxes). Any disallowed interest expense may currently be carried forward to future years. Moreover, proposed legislation has been introduced, though not enacted, several times in recent years that would further limit the 50% of adjusted taxable income cap described above to 25% of adjusted taxable income, although recent proposals in the Fiscal Year Budget for 2010 would only apply the revised rules to certain foreign corporations that were expatriated. Furthermore, other limitations on the deductibility of interest under U.S. federal income tax laws, potentially including limitations applicable to certain high-yield debt obligations, could apply under certain circumstances to defer and/or eliminate all or a portion of the interest deduction that our U.S. holding company would otherwise be entitled to with respect to the Intercompany Note.

***Other U.S. federal income tax risks***

There can be no assurance that U.S. federal income tax laws and IRS administrative policies respecting the U.S. federal income tax consequences generally applicable to us, to our U.S. subsidiaries, or to a holder of common shares will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects U.S. and non-U.S. holders of our common shares. See "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this registration statement for more details.

***The market price for our common shares may be volatile***

Factors such as variations in our financial results, announcements by us, the projects of others, developments affecting our business or the projects, general interest rate levels, the market price of our common shares and general market volatility could cause the market price of our common shares to fluctuate significantly.

In addition, future sales or the availability for sale of substantial amounts of our common shares in the public market could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common shares and could impair our ability to raise capital through future sales of our common shares or any other securities.

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## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

You should read the following selected consolidated financial data along with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes, which is included in this registration statement. The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial information for each of the periods indicated. The annual historical information has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009.

(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except as otherwise stated)	2009	2008	2007	2006 <sup>(a)</sup>	2005 <sup>(a)</sup>
Project revenue	\$ 179,517	\$ 173,812	\$ 113,257	\$ 69,374	\$ 57,711
Project income	48,415	41,006	70,118	57,247	48,256
Net (loss) income	(38,486)	48,101	(30,596)	(2,408)	(509)
Basic earnings per share, US\$	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.01)
Basic earnings per share, Cdn\$	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.84	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.02)
Diluted earnings per share, US\$	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.73	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.01)
Diluted earnings per share, Cdn\$	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.86	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.02)
Per IPS distribution declared	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.53
Per common share dividend declared	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.31
Total assets at December 31	\$ 869,576	\$ 907,995	\$ 880,751	\$ 965,121	\$ 636,138
Total long-term liabilities at December 31	\$ 402,212	\$ 654,499	\$ 715,923	\$ 613,423	\$ 475,533

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*The following management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this registration statement. All dollar amounts discussed below are in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").*

*This report contains, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views about future events and financial performance. Investors should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are subject to a variety of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Factors that could cause, or contribute to such differences include, without limitation, the factors described under Item 1A "Risk Factors." In view of these uncertainties, investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

**General Development of Our Business**

We completed our initial public offering on the Toronto Stock Exchange in November 2004. At the time of the IPO, our public security was an Income Participating Security ("IPS"). Each IPS was comprised of one common share and Cdn\$5.767 principal value of 11% subordinated notes due 2016. In the fourth quarter of 2009, we converted to a traditional common share company through a

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shareholder approved plan of arrangement. Under the old IPS structure, we paid a monthly cash distribution to IPS holders that consisted of a dividend on the common share portion of the IPS and interest on the subordinated note portion of the IPS. After the common share conversion, we are continuing to pay cash distributions to our shareholders. The cash distributions are now in the form of a common share dividend and amount to Cdn\$1.094 per year, the same rate paid to IPS holders before the common share conversion.

Our new common shares were listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange commencing on December 2, 2009 and trade under the symbol "ATP", and the former IPSs, which traded under the symbol "ATP.UN", were delisted at that time.

The following timeline illustrates significant events in the development of our business since the IPO. Further details about these events are included below:

We used the proceeds from our IPO to acquire a 58% interest in Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC (now Atlantic Power Holdings, Inc., which we refer to herein as "Atlantic Holdings") from two private equity funds managed by ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC and from Caithness Energy. Until December 31, 2009, we were externally managed by Atlantic Power Management, LLC, an affiliate of ArcLight.

In August 2005, we acquired Epsilon Power Partners, LLC, which owns a 40% interest in the Chambers project, for approximately \$63 million in cash and the assumption of \$43 million in non-recourse debt.

In October 2005, we issued 7,500,000 IPSs to a Canadian pension fund and 39,500 IPSs to Barry Welch, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and to our then-current managing director pursuant to a private placement. Net proceeds of the private placement were used to increase our interest in Atlantic Holdings to 70%.

In September 2006, we acquired 100% of the equity interests in Trans-Elect NTD Holdings Path 15, LLC, which has since been renamed Atlantic Path 15 Holdings, LLC, which indirectly owns approximately 72% of the transmission system rights in the transmission line upgrade along the Path 15 transmission corridor located in central California. The purchase price was approximately \$78.4 million.



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In October 2006, we completed a follow-on public offering in Canada of IPSs and convertible debentures for gross proceeds of Cdn\$150 million. The offering consisted of 8,531,000 IPSs sold at a price of Cdn\$10.55 per IPS for gross proceeds of Cdn\$90 million and Cdn\$60 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible subordinated debentures. The net proceeds of the offering were used to partially repay \$37 million of the credit facility arranged in connection with our acquisition of an interest in the Path 15 project and to increase our ownership in Atlantic Holdings from 70% to approximately 86%.

In December 2006, we completed a private placement of 8,600,000 IPSs and Cdn\$3.0 million principal amount of separate subordinated notes to three institutional investors. In February 2007, we used the net proceeds of the private placement to increase our ownership in Atlantic Holdings to 100%.

In December 2007, we increased our ownership interest in the Pasco project from 50% to 100%.

In November 2008, we acquired a 100% ownership interest in Auburndale Power Partners, L.P, which owns the Auburndale project for a purchase price of \$139.9 million, subject to customary adjustments for working capital. The acquisition was funded with cash on hand, a \$55 million borrowing under our credit facility and non-recourse acquisition debt of \$35 million. The non-recourse acquisition debt associated with this transaction amortizes fully over the remaining term of the project's power purchase agreement.

In the first quarter of 2009, we transferred our remaining net interest in Onondaga Cogeneration Limited Partnership, at net book value, into a 50% owned joint venture, Onondaga Renewables, LLC, which is engaged in the redevelopment of the Onondaga project into a 40 MW biomass power plant.

In March 2009, we acquired a 40% equity interest in Rollcast Energy, Inc., a North Carolina corporation. Rollcast is a developer of biomass power plants in the southeastern U.S. with five, 50 MW projects in various stages of development. In March 2010, we agreed to invest an additional \$2.0 million to increase our ownership interest in Rollcast to 60%. Under the terms of the agreement, \$1.2 million of the investment was made in March 2010 and the remaining \$0.8 million will be payable if Rollcast achieves certain milestones on its first biomass development project. As a result of this additional investment, we expect to begin consolidating our investment in Rollcast beginning in the first quarter of 2010. In March 2010, Rollcast signed an agreement with two banks to co-arrange project-level debt financing for its first biomass project, which is expected to close in the second quarter of 2010.

In October 2009, we agreed to pay ArcLight an aggregate of \$15 million to terminate its management agreement with us, satisfied by a payment of \$6 million on the termination date of December 31, 2009, and additional payments of \$5 million, \$3 million and \$1 million on the respective first, second and third anniversaries of the termination date. In connection with the termination of the management agreements, we hired all of the then-current employees of the ArcLight managing entity and entered into employment agreements with its officers.

In December 2009, we also completed a public offering of 6.25% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures due March 15, 2017 for total gross proceeds of Cdn\$86.25 million. The debentures are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ATP.DB.A. We used Cdn\$42.9 million of the net proceeds from the offering to redeem all of our remaining 11% separate subordinated notes at 105% of the principal amount. The remainder of the net proceeds remains available to fund growth opportunities, which may include previously disclosed biomass development projects that are expected to begin construction in 2010, as well as potential asset or business acquisitions that we are currently evaluating, or for general corporate purposes.

During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, we acquired 481,600 and 558,620 IPSs at an average price of Cdn\$8.42 and Cdn\$8.78, respectively, under the terms of the normal course issuer bid.

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As of December 31, 2009, we had acquired a cumulative total of 1,040,220 IPSs at an average price of Cdn\$8.61 since the inception of the issuer bid in July 2008. We paid the market price at the time of acquisition for any IPSs purchased through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange and all IPSs acquired under the bid have been cancelled. The issuer bid expired on July 24, 2009. We do not anticipate additional share repurchases at this time.

**Other Recent Developments**

During the third quarter of 2009, we reviewed the recoverability of our investment in the Rumford project. The review was undertaken as a result of not receiving distributions from this project through the first nine months of 2009 and our view about the long-term economic viability of the plant when the current PPA expires on December 31, 2009. Based on this review, we determined that the carrying value of the Rumford project was impaired and recorded a pre-tax long-lived asset impairment of \$5.5 million in the third quarter of 2009.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, we and the other limited partners in the Rumford project settled a dispute with the general partner related to its failure to pay distributions to the limited partners in 2009. Under the terms of the settlement, we received \$2.9 million in distributions from Rumford in the fourth quarter of 2009. In addition, the general partner has agreed to purchase the interests of all the limited partners in 2010. However, the general partner is relieved of this obligation if certain conditions are met before June 30, 2010. If the general partner does purchase the limited partners' interests, our share of the proceeds will be approximately \$2.5 million.

The FERC issued its initial order regarding Path 15's 2008-2010 rates on February 19, 2008. That order granted approval of our proposed rates and set certain other matters for hearing. On March 23, 2009, Path 15, the FERC staff and the intervenors in the project's rate case filed an uncontested settlement with the FERC. The FERC issued an order approving the settlement on August 3, 2009. The terms of the settlement allow Path 15 to continue making distributions to us that are consistent with our expectations. In October 2009, Path 15 paid a refund of approximately \$1.4 million, comprising the amount collected above the settlement rates since the initial order in February 2008. Independently, the final landowner litigation over right-of-way issues was resolved earlier in 2009, which resulted in approximately \$6 million being released to us from a construction reserve account.

In July 2009, we signed a purchase and sale agreement to sell our 50% interest in a 55 MW cogeneration facility located in Stockton, California for a nominal cash payment. The project required additional significant capital investment in order to use as much biomass fuel as possible. The sale was finalized on November 30, 2009. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a loss on the sale of \$2.0 million.

In August 2009, we signed a purchase and sale agreement to sell our 50% interest in the Mid-Georgia project for cash. Mid-Georgia is a 308 MW dual-fueled, combined-cycle, cogeneration plant located in Kathleen, Georgia. The sale was finalized in November 2009 with cash proceeds of \$29.1 million. During the year ended December 31, 2009 we recorded a gain on sale of \$15.8 million.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Accounting standards require information in financial statements about the risks and uncertainties inherent in significant estimates, and the application of generally accepted accounting principles involves the exercise of varying degrees of judgment. Certain amounts included in or affecting our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures must be estimated, requiring us to make certain assumptions with respect to values or conditions that cannot be known with certainty at the time our financial statements are prepared. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts we report for our assets and liabilities, our revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and our disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. We routinely

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evaluate these estimates utilizing historical experience, consultation with experts and other methods we consider reasonable in the particular circumstances. Nevertheless, actual results may differ significantly from our estimates and any effects on our business, financial position or results of operations resulting from revisions to these estimates are recorded in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known.

In preparing our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, examples of certain areas that require more judgment relative to others include our use of estimates in determining fair values of acquired assets, the useful lives and recoverability of property, plant and equipment and PPAs, the recoverability of equity investments, the recoverability of deferred tax assets and the fair value of derivatives.

For a summary of our significant accounting policies, see Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this registration statement. We believe that certain accounting policies are of more significance in our consolidated financial statement preparation process than others, which policies are discussed as follows.

*Impairment of long-lived assets and equity investments*

Long-lived assets, which include property, plant and equipment, transmission system rights and other intangible assets subject to depreciation and amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets by factoring in the probability weighting of different courses of action available. Generally, fair value will be determined using valuation techniques such as the present value of expected future cash flows. We discount the estimated future cash flows associated with the asset using a single interest rate representative of the risk involved with such an investment or employ an expected present value method that probability-weights a range of possible outcomes. We also consider quoted market prices in active markets to the extent they are available. In the absence of such information, we may consider prices of similar assets, consult with brokers or employ other valuation techniques. We use our best estimates in making these evaluations. However, actual results could vary from the assumptions used in our estimates and the impact of such variations could be material.

Investments in and the operating results of 50%-or-less owned entities not required to be consolidated are included in the consolidated financial statements on the basis of the equity method of accounting. We review our investments in unconsolidated entities for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the investments may not be fully recoverable. Evidence of a loss in value that is other than temporary might include the absence of an ability to recover the carrying amount of the investment, the inability of the investee to sustain an earnings capacity which would justify the carrying amount of the investment, failure of cash flow coverage ratio tests included in project-level, non-recourse debt or, where applicable, estimated sales proceeds which are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of the investment. Our assessment as to whether any decline in value is other than temporary is based on our ability and intent to hold the investment and whether evidence indicating the carrying value of the investment is recoverable within a reasonable period of time outweighs evidence to the contrary.

When we determine that an impairment test is required, the future projected cash flows from the equity investment are the most significant factor in determining whether impairment exists and, if so, the amount of the impairment charges. We use our best estimates of market prices of power and fuel and our knowledge of the operations of the project and our related contracts when developing these cash flow estimates. In addition, when determining fair value using discounted cash flows, the discount rate used can have a material impact on the fair value determination. Discount rates are based on our

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risk of the cash flows in the estimate, including when applicable, the credit risk of the counterparty that is contractually obligated to purchase electricity or steam from the project.

We generally consider our investments in our equity method investees to be strategic long-term investments that comprise a significant portion of our core operating business. Therefore, we complete our assessments with a long-term view. If the fair value of the investment is determined to be less than the carrying value and the decline in value is considered to be other than temporary, an appropriate write-down is recorded based on the excess of the carrying value over the best estimate of fair value of the investment. The use of these methods involves the same inherent uncertainty of future cash flows as previously discussed with respect to undiscounted cash flows. Actual future market prices and project costs could vary from those used in our estimates and the impact of such variations could be material.

***Fair Value of Derivatives***

We utilize derivative contracts to mitigate our exposure to fluctuations in fuel commodity prices, foreign currency and to balance our exposure to variable interest rates. We believe that these derivatives are generally effective in realizing these objectives.

In determining fair value for our derivative assets and liabilities, we generally use the market approach and incorporate assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about market risk and/or the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation techniques.

A fair value hierarchy exists for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs (Level 1 or Level 2) and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs (Level 3) by requiring that the observable inputs be used when available. Our derivative instruments are classified as Level 2. The fair value measurements of these derivative assets and liabilities are based largely on quoted prices from independent brokers in active markets who regularly facilitate our transactions. An active market is considered to have transactions with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Derivative assets are discounted for credit risk using credit spreads representative of the counterparty's probability of default. For derivative liabilities, fair value measurement reflects the nonperformance risk related to that liability, which is our own credit risk. We derive our nonperformance risk by applying credit spreads approximating our estimate of corporate credit rating against the respective derivative liability.

Certain derivative instruments qualify for a scope exception to fair value accounting, as they are considered normal purchases or normal sales. The availability of this exception is based upon the assumption that we have the ability and it is probable to deliver or take delivery of the underlying physical commodity. Derivatives that are considered to be normal purchases and normal sales are exempt from derivative accounting treatment and are recorded as executory contracts.

***Income Taxes and Valuation Allowance for Deferred Tax Assets***

As of December 31, 2009, we had recorded a valuation allowance of \$67.1 million. This amount is comprised primarily of provisions against available Canadian and U.S net operating loss carryforwards. In assessing the recoverability of our deferred tax assets, we consider whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon projected future taxable income in the United States and in Canada and available tax planning strategies.

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**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Cash Flow Available for Distribution is not a measure recognized under GAAP, does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. We believe Cash Flow Available for Distribution is a relevant supplemental measure of our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. A reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to Cash Flow Available for Distribution is set out below under "Cash Flow Available for Distribution". Investors are cautioned that we may calculate this measure in a manner that is different from other companies.

Project Adjusted EBITDA is defined as project income less interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (including non-cash impairment charges) and changes in fair value of derivative instruments. Project Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure recognized under GAAP and does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and is therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We use unaudited Project Adjusted EBITDA to provide comparative information about project performance without considering how projects are capitalized or whether they contain derivative contracts that are required to be recorded at fair value. A reconciliation of project income to Project Adjusted EBITDA is set out below under "Project Adjusted EBITDA". Investors are cautioned that we may calculate this measure in a manner that is different from other companies.

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The following table and discussion is a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the three years ended December 31, 2009. The results of operations by segment are discussed in further detail following this consolidated overview discussion.

(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except as otherwise stated)	2009	2008	2007
<b>Project revenue</b>			
Auburndale	\$ 74,875	\$ 10,003	\$
Lake	62,285	61,610	53,210
Pasco	11,357	58,897	
Path 15	31,000	31,528	34,524
Chambers			
Other Project Assets		11,774	25,523
	179,517	173,812	113,257
<b>Project expenses</b>			
Auburndale	59,435	7,669	
Lake	47,005	39,951	36,429
Pasco	11,044	48,098	
Path 15	11,819	10,573	10,834
Chambers			
Other Project Assets	(254)	41	3,571
	129,049	106,332	50,834
<b>Project other income (expense)</b>			
Auburndale	(4,950)	(225)	
Lake	(5,060)	33	(8,563)
Pasco	25	(4,356)	6,159
Path 15	(11,682)	(13,232)	(12,016)
Chambers	6,599	16,250	16,601
Other Project Assets	13,015	(24,944)	5,514
	(2,053)	(26,474)	7,695
<b>Total project income (loss)</b>			
Auburndale	10,490	2,109	
Lake	10,220	21,692	8,218
Pasco	338	6,443	6,159
Path 15	7,499	7,723	11,674
Chambers	6,599	16,250	16,601
Other Project Assets	13,269	(13,211)	27,466
	48,415	41,006	70,118
<b>Administrative and other expenses (income)</b>			
Management fees and administration	26,028	10,012	8,185
Interest, net	55,698	43,275	44,307
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	20,506	(47,247)	30,142
Other expense, net	362	425	975
<b>Total administrative and other expenses</b>	102,594	6,465	83,609
<b>(Loss) income from operations before income taxes</b>	(54,179)	34,541	(13,491)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(15,693)	(13,560)	17,105
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	\$ (38,486)	\$ 48,101	\$ (30,596)

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***Consolidated Overview***

We have six reportable segments: Auburndale, Chambers Lake, Pasco, Path 15 and Other Project Assets. The results of operations are discussed below by reportable segment.

Project income is the primary GAAP measure of our operating results and is discussed in "Project Operations Performance" below. In addition, an analysis of non-project expenses impacting our results is set out in "Administrative and Other Expenses (Income)" below.

Significant non-cash items, which are subject to potentially significant fluctuations, include: (1) the change in fair value of certain derivative financial instruments that are required by GAAP to be revalued at each balance sheet date (see "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for additional information); (2) the non-cash impact of foreign exchange fluctuations from period to period on the U.S. dollar equivalent of our Canadian dollar-denominated obligations and (3); the related deferred income tax expense (benefit) associated with these non-cash items.

Cash flow available for distribution was \$66.9 million, \$97.3 million and \$69.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. See "Cash Flow Available for Distribution" on page 58 for additional information.

Income (loss) from operations before income taxes for years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$(54.2) million, \$34.5 million and \$(13.5) million, respectively. See "Project Income" below for additional information.

***Year ended December 31, 2009 vs. Year Ended December 31, 2008***

***Project Income***

*Auburndale Segment*

Project income for our Auburndale segment increased \$8.4 million to \$10.5 million in 2009 from \$2.1 million in 2008. The increase in project income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2009 is attributable to the fact that 2009 was the first full year of ownership of the project. The Auburndale project was acquired in November 2008.

*Lake Segment*

Project income for our Lake segment decreased \$11.5 million, or 53%, to \$10.2 million in 2009 from \$21.7 million in 2008. The decrease is primarily attributable to higher fuel expense at Lake due to the expiration of its natural gas supply agreement as of June 30, 2009. A new gas supply agreement at higher prices was effective for the second half of 2009. In addition, non-cash losses associated with natural gas swaps were recorded in the change in fair value of derivative instruments during 2009 of \$5.1 million. These swaps were executed to financially hedge the project's exposure to the changes in market prices of natural gas. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" below for additional details about our derivative instruments and other financial instruments.

*Pasco Segment*

Project income for our Pasco segment decreased \$6.1 million, or 95%, to \$0.3 million in 2009 from \$6.4 million in 2008. The decrease in project income at Pasco is attributable to lower revenues from the project's new ten-year tolling agreement effective January 1, 2009 at lower rates than the power purchase agreement that expired December 31, 2008, partially offset by lower fuel expense, since the new agreement requires the utility to provide the natural gas needed to generate electricity at the plant.

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*Path 15 Segment*

Project income at Path 15 for the year ended December 31, 2009 did not change significantly from 2008.

*Chambers Segment*

Project income for our Chambers segment, which is recorded under the equity method of accounting, decreased \$9.7 million, or 59%, to \$6.6 million in 2009 from \$16.3 million in 2008 as a result of a planned major maintenance outage in the second quarter of 2009 and lower electricity sales volumes and prices throughout 2009.

*Other Project Assets Segment*

Project income (loss) for our Other Project Assets segment increased \$26.5 million, to \$13.3 million in 2009 compared to a \$(13.2) million loss in 2008, primarily due to the following:

the gain on the sale of Mid-Georgia of \$15.8 million in 2009;

an impairment charge of \$18.5 million at Stockton in 2008;

the absence of revenue at Onondaga in 2009 as the contract that provided substantially all of the project's cash flow expired in the second quarter 2008;

reduced expense at Selkirk in 2009 associated with the change in fair value of derivative instruments;

an impairment of our equity investment in Rumford of \$5.5 million in 2009.

***Administrative and Other Expenses (Income)***

Management fees and administration includes the costs of operating as a public company, as well as the fees and costs associated with our management by Atlantic Power Management, LLC (the "Manager"). Effective December 31, 2009, the Manager no longer provides management and administrative services for our company. The Manager is indirectly owned by the ArcLight Funds and received compensation in the form of an annual base fee that was indexed to inflation and an incentive fee that was equal to 25% of the cash distributions to shareholders in excess of Cdn\$1.00 per year per IPS. We also reimbursed the Manager for reasonable costs incurred to manage our company. Management fees and administration increased \$16 million, or 160%, to \$26 million in 2009 from \$10.0 million in 2008. The increase is primarily attributable to a \$14.1 million charge associated with the termination of the management agreements at the end of 2009. In addition, employee and director share-based compensation plan expense increased in 2009. The expense associated with these plans varies, in part, with the market price of our common shares, which increased significantly during 2009 compared to a decrease during the twelve months of 2008, resulting in higher expense in the 2009 period.

Interest expense primarily relates to required interest costs associated with the subordinated notes and the debentures. Interest expense increased \$12.4 million, or 29%, to \$55.7 million in 2009 from \$43.3 million in 2008. This increase is primarily due to the write off of unamortized subordinated note deferred finance costs of \$7.5 million, the write off of the unamortized subordinated note premium of \$0.9 million and transaction costs of \$4.7 million upon closing of our conversion to a common share structure. A charge of \$3.1 million was also recorded when we redeemed the remaining subordinated notes in December 2009. This charge was comprised of a premium paid on the redemption of \$1.9 million and the write-off of unamortized subordinated note deferred finance costs of \$1.2 million. In addition, there were amounts outstanding on our revolving credit facility for a portion of the year



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ended December 31, 2009 related to the temporary financing of the acquisition of the Auburndale project in late 2008.

Foreign exchange loss (gain) primarily reflects the unrealized impact of changes in foreign exchange rates on the U.S. dollar equivalent of our Canadian dollar-denominated obligations to holders of subordinated notes and debentures. In addition, unrealized and realized gains and losses on our forward contracts for the purchase of Canadian dollars to satisfy these obligations are included in foreign exchange loss (gain). Foreign exchange loss (gain) increased \$67.7 million to \$20.5 million loss in 2009 compared to a \$(47.2 million) gain in 2008. The U.S. dollar to Canadian dollar exchange rate decreased by 15.9% during the year ended December 31, 2009. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the rate increased by 18.6%. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" below for additional details about our management of foreign currency risk and the components of the foreign exchange loss (gain) recognized during the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the foreign exchange loss (gain) in 2008.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 vs. December 31, 2007***

***Project Income***

*Auburndale Segment*

The Auburndale project was acquired in November 2008 and had no results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007.

*Lake Segment*

Project income for our Lake segment increased \$13.5 million, or 164%, to \$21.7 million in 2008 from \$8.2 million in 2007 primarily due to higher dispatch in 2008, a 5% increase in capacity payments under the PPA and the non-recurrence of costs associated with a planned outage for a gas turbine upgrade during the fourth quarter of 2007.

*Pasco Segment*

Project income for our Pasco segment increased \$0.2 million to \$6.4 million in 2008 from \$6.2 million in 2007 due to an increase in ownership of the project from 50% in 2007 to 100% in 2008, offset by higher fuel costs related to gas swap payments and an overhaul of the steam turbine during the fourth quarter of 2008.

*Path 15 Segment*

Project income for our Path 15 segment decreased \$4 million, or 34%, to \$7.7 million in 2008 from \$11.7 million in 2007 as a result of lower revenues associated with the 2008-2010 rate case and a provision for rate case refund.

*Chambers Segment*

Project income for our Chambers segment decreased \$0.3 million, or 2%, to \$16.3 million in 2008 from \$16.6 million in 2007 primarily due to timing differences of coal prices between the PPA and project fuel agreement.

*Other Project Assets Segment*

Project income (loss) for our Other Project Assets segment decreased \$40.7 million, or 148%, to a \$(13.2) million loss in 2008 compared to \$27.5 million income in 2007, primarily due to the following:

an impairment charge at Stockton in 2008 in the amount of \$18.5 million;

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lower income at Selkirk attributable to a decrease in the fair value of its long-term gas supply agreement, which is recorded as a derivative instrument;

the absence of revenue at Onondaga for the second half of 2008 as the contract that provided substantially all of the project's cash flow expired in June 2008.

***Administrative and Other Expenses***

Management fees and administration increased \$1.8 million, or 22%, to \$10.0 million in 2008 from \$8.2 million in 2007. The increase is primarily attributable to costs associated with pursuing acquisitions that were not completed in 2008, as well as personnel additions and expense recognized related to awards under our long-term incentive plan that were granted in March 2008 and March 2007.

Interest expense decreased \$1.0 million, or 2%, to \$43.3 million in 2008 from \$44.3 million in 2007. Interest expense primarily relates to required interest payments to holders of the subordinated notes and the debentures. In addition, there were amounts outstanding on the revolving credit facility during the first half of 2007 related to the temporary financing of the acquisition of the Path 15 project, as well as amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2008 on the revolving credit facility due to the acquisition of Auburndale.

Foreign exchange loss (gain) increased \$77.3 million to a \$(47.2 million) gain in 2008 compared to a \$30.1 million loss in 2007. The increase in exchange is due primarily to an increase in the U.S. dollar to Canadian dollar exchange rate of approximately 18.6% during the year ended December 31, 2008. The rate decreased by 17% during the year ended December 31, 2007. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for additional information for additional details of our management of foreign currency risk and the components of the foreign exchange gains recognized during the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the foreign exchange losses in the prior year periods.

***Supplementary Financial Information***

The key measure we use to evaluate the results of our projects is Cash Flow Available for Distribution. See "Cash Flow Available for Distribution" below for additional details and for a reconciliation of Cash Flow Available for Distribution to its nearest GAAP measure, cash flows from operating activities.

The primary factor influencing Cash Flow Available for Distribution is cash distributions received from the projects. These distributions received are generally funded from Project Adjusted EBITDA generated by the projects, reduced by project-level debt service and capital expenditures, and adjusted for changes in project-level working capital and cash reserves. Please read "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" above for important disclosures with respect to Cash Flow Available for Distribution and Project Adjusted EBITDA.

Because Project Adjusted EBITDA and project distributions are key drivers of both the performance of our projects and Cash Flow Available for Distribution, please see the following supplementary unaudited non-GAAP information that summarizes Project Adjusted EBITDA by project and a reconciliation of Project Adjusted EBITDA by project to project distributions actually received by us.

Table of Contents**Project Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> (in thousands of U.S. dollars)**

(unaudited)	Year ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Project Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> by individual segment</b>			
Auburndale	35,221	4,461	
Lake	25,378	32,892	28,042
Pasco	3,299	21,953	14,225
Path 15	27,691	28,872	31,564
Chambers	13,595	27,603	28,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,184</b>	<b>115,781</b>	<b>101,859</b>
<b>Other Project Assets</b>			
Mid-Georgia	2,509	4,206	5,587
Stockton	(675)	1,780	3,505
Badger Creek	3,245	3,762	4,109
Koma Kulshan	822	912	1,196
Onondaga		7,865	21,966
Orlando	8,858	8,206	8,336
Topsham	1,879	2,629	2,031
Delta Person	894	2,012	2,255
Gregory	4,482	5,236	4,428
Rumford	2,590	2,395	2,585
Selkirk	15,059	19,104	24,197
Rollcast	(234)		
Other	(434)	801	3,164
<b>Total adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> from Other Project Assets segment</b>			
	<b>38,995</b>	<b>58,908</b>	<b>83,359</b>
<b>Project income</b>			
Total adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> from all Projects			
Projects	144,179	174,689	185,218
Amortization	67,643	60,125	59,141
Interest expense, net	31,511	30,316	31,678
Change in the fair value of derivative instruments	5,047	29,914	22,440
Other (income) expense	(8,437)	13,328	1,841
<b>Project income as reported in the statement of operations</b>			
	<b>48,415</b>	<b>41,006</b>	<b>70,118</b>

(1) Project Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" on Page 47 of this registration statement for additional details.

Table of Contents**Reconciliation of Project Distributions (in thousands of U.S. dollars)  
For the twelve months ended December 31, 2009**

	Project Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	Repayment of long- term debt	Interest expense, net	Capital expenditures	Change in working capital & other items	Project distribution received
<b>Reportable Segments</b>						
Auburndale	35,221	(3,500)	(2,832)	(322)	2,419	30,986
Chambers	13,595	(10,570)	(7,674)	(689)	5,338	
Lake	25,378		4	(1,278)	(1,405)	22,699
Pasco	3,299			(97)	5,148	8,350
Path 15	27,691	(7,519)	(12,912)		3,798	11,058
<b>Total Reportable Segments</b>	<b>105,184</b>	<b>(21,589)</b>	<b>(23,414)</b>	<b>(2,386)</b>	<b>15,298</b>	<b>73,093</b>
<b>Other Project Assets</b>						
Mid-Georgia	2,509	(1,694)	(3,271)	11	2,445	
Stockton	(675)		(70)	(297)	1,042	
Badger Creek	3,245		(17)		447	3,675
Delta Person	894	(1,512)	(224)		842	
Gregory	4,482	(2,903)	(1,792)	(98)	2,551	2,240
Koma Kulshan	822		1	(79)	(553)	191
Orlando	8,858		14	(632)	4,435	12,675
Rumford	2,590		2		309	2,901
Selkirk	15,059	(8,122)	(2,777)	161	(1,325)	2,996
Topsham	1,879	(45)	(2)			1,832
Other	(668)		39	(62)	1,248	557
<b>Total Other Project Assets Segment</b>	<b>38,995</b>	<b>(14,276)</b>	<b>(8,097)</b>	<b>(996)</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>27,067</b>
<b>Total all Segments</b>	<b>144,179</b>	<b>(35,865)</b>	<b>(31,511)</b>	<b>(3,382)</b>	<b>26,739</b>	<b>100,160</b>

- (1) Project Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" on Page 47 of this registration statement for additional details.

Table of Contents**Reconciliation of Project Distributions (in thousands of U.S. dollars)  
For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008**

	Project Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	Repayment of long- term debt	Interest expense, net	Capital expenditures	Change in working capital & other items	Project distribution received
<b>Reportable Segments</b>						
Auburndale	4,461		(225)		1,764	6,000
Chambers	27,603	(9,639)	(8,537)	(145)	1,414	10,696
Lake	32,892		33	(814)	(931)	31,180
Pasco	21,953	(12,038)	(978)	(175)	10,883	19,645
Path 15	28,872	(8,086)	(13,232)		156	7,710
<b>Total Reportable Segments</b>	<b>115,781</b>	<b>(29,763)</b>	<b>(22,939)</b>	<b>(1,134)</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>75,231</b>
<b>Other Project Assets</b>						
Mid-Georgia	4,206	(2,646)	(3,271)	11	1,700	
Stockton	1,780		(9)	(61)	(1,460)	250
Badger Creek	3,762		(3)		441	4,200
Delta Person	2,012	(1,027)	(738)		(247)	
Gregory	5,236	(1,807)	288	(133)	6,827	10,411
Koma Kulshan	912		4	(192)	(528)	196
Onondaga	7,865		81	(3)	11,693	19,636
Orlando	8,206	(3,468)	16	(306)	(1,048)	3,400
Rumford	2,395		2	(187)	524	2,734
Selkirk	19,104	(6,915)	(3,403)	(60)	(695)	8,031
Topsham	2,629	(2,400)	(193)		(36)	
Other	801		(151)	(113)	(137)	400
<b>Total Other Project Assets Segment</b>	<b>58,908</b>	<b>(18,263)</b>	<b>(7,377)</b>	<b>(1,044)</b>	<b>17,034</b>	<b>49,258</b>
<b>Total all Segments</b>	<b>174,689</b>	<b>(48,026)</b>	<b>(30,316)</b>	<b>(2,178)</b>	<b>30,320</b>	<b>124,489</b>

(1) Project Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" on Page 47 of this registration statement for additional details.

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For the twelve months ended December 31, 2007**

	Project Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	Repayment of long- term debt	Interest expense, net	Capital expenditures	Change in working capital & other items	Project distribution received
<b>Reportable Segments</b>						
Auburndale						
Chambers	28,028	(9,331)	(11,549)	(316)	(264)	6,568
Lake	28,042	(574)	106	(13,879)	11,755	25,450
Pasco	14,225	(7,226)	(395)	(836)	6,267	12,035
Path 15	31,564	(11,842)	(11,217)		(3,213)	5,292
Total Reportable Segments	101,859	(28,973)	(23,055)	(15,031)	14,545	49,345
<b>Other Project Assets</b>						
Mid-Georgia	5,587	(2,411)	(3,589)		413	
Stockton	3,505		(24)	(391)	411	3,501
Badger Creek	4,109		43	(192)	(310)	3,650
Delta Person	2,255	(935)	(991)		762	1,091
Gregory	4,428	(377)	364		(4,415)	
Koma Kulshan	1,196	(925)	(24)	(271)	24	
Onondaga	21,966		54		(3,070)	18,950
Orlando	8,337	(3,980)	(122)	(132)	(853)	3,250
Rumford	2,585		32	(291)	475	2,801
Selkirk	24,197	(3,725)	(3,810)		(6,312)	10,350
Topsham	2,031	(1,625)	(338)		(68)	
Other	3,163	(813)	(218)	(149)	4,405	6,388
Total Other Project Assets Segment	83,359	(14,791)	(8,623)	(1,426)	(8,538)	49,981
Total all Segments	185,218	(43,764)	(31,678)	(16,457)	6,007	99,326

- (1) Project Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" on Page 47 of this registration statement for additional details.

***Project Operations Performance Year Ended December 31, 2009 vs. December 2008***

Aggregate Project Adjusted EBITDA for the segments decreased \$30.5 million, or 17%, to \$144.2 million in 2009 from \$174.7 million in 2008 and included the following factors:

increased EBITDA attributable to the acquisition of the Auburndale project in November 2008;

decreased EBITDA at Chambers attributable to lower levels of dispatch by the utility off-taker in connection with reduced demand and lower natural gas and power prices in the region. Operating the plant at a lower capacity factor also decreased its efficiency, further contributing to reduced operating margins. Additionally, decreased EBITDA attributable to a planned major outage at Chambers in the second quarter of 2009;

decreased EBITDA at Lake attributable to higher fuel expense resulting due to natural gas purchases at higher prices than those under the supply contract that expired in June 2009. We have a hedging strategy to mitigate its future exposure to changes in natural gas prices. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for additional information;

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decreased EBITDA at Pasco due to the commencement of the project's new ten-year tolling agreement on January 1, 2009 at lower rates than the power purchase agreement that expired December 31, 2008;

the absence of EBITDA at Onondaga as the contracts that provided substantially all of the project's cash flow expired in the second quarter of 2008.

Aggregate power generation for projects in operation at December 31, 2009 was 2.6% lower during 2009 as compared to 2008. Weighted average plant availability increased 1.1% over the same period. Generation during the twelve months of 2009 versus the prior years' period was unfavorably impacted primarily by reduced dispatch at Chambers. This was due to low market prices and a planned major maintenance outage, offset by the acquisition of Auburndale in November 2008. Also contributing to the lower generation during the period was reduced generation at Pasco as a result of the expected lower dispatch under the new tolling agreement that went into effect on January 1, 2009, which was partially offset by increased generation at Orlando in 2009 due to its unscheduled outage in March 2008.

The project portfolio achieved a weighted average availability of 94.5% for 2009 versus 93.4% in 2008. The higher portfolio availability was primarily driven by the increased availability of Orlando versus the prior period resulting from the March 2008 unplanned outage as well as higher availability at Mid-Georgia due to a scheduled outage in April 2008, and the acquisition of Auburndale in November 2008, offset slightly by reduced availability at Chambers associated with a longer planned outage versus the prior period. Each of the projects with reduced availability was nevertheless able to achieve substantially all of its respective capacity payments as a result of contract terms that provide for certain levels of planned and unplanned outages.

**Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

Our cash flow from the projects may vary from year to year based on, among other things, changes in prices under the PPAs, fuel supply and transportation agreements, steam sales agreements and other project contracts, changes in regulated transmission rates, compliance with the terms of non-recourse project-level financing including debt repayment schedules, the transition to market or recontracted pricing following the expiration of PPAs, fuel supply and transportation contracts, working capital requirements and the operating performance of the projects. Project cash flows may have some seasonality and the pattern and frequency of distributions to us from the projects during the year can also vary.

Working capital includes restricted cash and trade receivables and payables at the projects. Restricted cash fluctuates from period to period in part because non-recourse project-level financing arrangements typically require all operating cash flow from the project to be deposited in restricted accounts and then released at the time that principal payments are made and project-level debt service coverage ratios are met. As a result, the timing of principal payments on project-level debt causes significant fluctuations in restricted cash balances, which typically benefits operating cash flow in the second and fourth quarters of the year and decreases operating cash flow in the first and third quarters of the year. We reflect changes in restricted cash in operating cash flow because cash provided by our operations that have project-level restrictions does not become available to shareholders until the cash becomes unrestricted.

Cash flow from operating activities decreased by \$33.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to 2008. The changes from the prior period are consistent with and primarily attributable to the changes in Project Adjusted EBITDA described above. In addition, the \$6.0 million payment in December 2009 under the terms of the management agreement termination reduced operating cash flow for the twelve months ended December 31, 2009.



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Cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2008 improved to \$84.1 million compared to \$69.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Our improvement in cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to the positive impact of working capital changes which included the release of Pasco debt service reserves throughout the year in a total amount of approximately \$13.0 million as well as the permanent release of working capital at Onondaga that was required to operate the facility.

Cash flows provided by investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$24.4 million compared to cash flows used in investing activities of \$134.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. We sold the assets of Mid Georgia in 2009 for proceeds of \$29.1 million compared to no asset sales in 2008. In addition, we acquired Auburndale in 2008 for a total purchase price of \$141.7 million compared to no acquisitions in 2009.

Cash flows used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$134.9 million compared to cash flows used in investing activities of \$29.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The change in cash flows from investing activities was primarily due to the acquisition of Auburndale in 2008, for a purchase price of \$141.7 compared to the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in the Pasco Project from our existing partners for \$23.2 million in 2007. We also sold our equity investment in the Jamaica Project in 2007 for proceeds of \$6.2 million compared to no asset sales in 2008.

Cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2009 resulted in a net outflow of \$62.9 million compared to a net inflow of \$38.4 million for the same period in 2008. Our significant cash flows from our 2009 and 2008 financing transactions are described below:

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we repaid \$55 million previously borrowed under our revolving credit facility that had been used to partially fund the acquisition of Auburndale in 2008.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the cash used to repay project level debt was lower compared to 2008 due to the maturity of the Pasco debt in 2008.

During December 2009, we issued, in a public offering, Cdn\$86.2 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible unsecured debentures for net proceeds of \$78.3 million. The proceeds were partially used to redeem the remaining Cdn\$40.7 million principal value of subordinated notes.

Cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008 resulted in a net inflow of \$38.4 million compared to a net outflow of \$49.9 million for the same period in 2007. Our significant cash flows from our 2008 and 2007 financing transactions are described below:

In 2008, we acquired 100% of Auburndale. The purchase price was partially funded by a \$55 million borrowing under our credit facility and \$35 million of project-level debt.

In 2007, we entered into a \$48 million non-recourse term loan for the Path 15 project. This was the permanent financing arrangement for the Path 15 project which was initially financed in 2006 by an \$88 million acquisition credit facility. The acquisition credit facility was repaid in full in 2007 using \$51 million of cash on hand and funds drawn on the credit facility.

In early 2007, proceeds from a 2006 financing were released from escrow and used to settle an obligation to redeem the non-controlling interest in Atlantic Holdings.

**Cash Flow Available for Distribution**

Prior to our conversion to a common share structure, holders of our IPSs received monthly cash distributions in the form of interest payments on subordinated notes and dividends on common shares.

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Subsequent to the conversion, holders of common shares receive the same monthly cash distributions of Cdn\$1.094 per year in the form of a dividend on the new common shares. Cash Flow Available for Distribution decreased by \$30.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to 2008 due primarily to the changes in cash flow from operating activities described above. In addition, project-level debt repayments were due to project-level debt payments at Auburndale, which was acquired in late 2008.

The table below presents our calculation of Cash Flow Available for Distribution for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands of U.S. dollars, except as otherwise stated):

(unaudited)	Year ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities	51,024	84,123	69,474
Project-level debt repayments	(12,744)	(22,275)	(20,117)
Interest on IPS portion of Subordinated Notes(1)	30,639	36,560	36,235
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,016)	(1,102)	(15,695)
<b>Cash Flow Available for Distribution(2)</b>	<b>66,903</b>	<b>97,306</b>	<b>69,897</b>
Per Basic share	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.14
Per Diluted share	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.11
Interest on Subordinated Notes	30,639	36,560	36,235
Dividends on Common Shares	27,988	24,692	24,665
<b>Total common share distributions</b>	<b>58,627</b>	<b>61,252</b>	<b>60,900</b>
Per share	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.99
Payout ratio	88%	63%	87%
<i>Expressed in Cdn\$</i>			
Cash Flow Available for Distribution	76,329	103,864	75,037
Per Basic share	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.22
Per Diluted share	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.19
<b>Total common share distributions</b>	<b>66,325</b>	<b>65,143</b>	<b>65,181</b>
Per share	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.06

- (1) Prior to the common share conversion on November 27, 2009, a portion of our monthly distribution to IPS holders was paid in the form of interest on the Subordinated Notes comprising a part of the IPSs. Subsequent to the conversion, the entire monthly cash distribution is paid in the form of a dividend on our common shares
- (2) Cash Flow Available for Distribution is not a recognized measure under GAAP and does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP. Therefore, this measure may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures".

**Outlook**

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Based on our projections, cash on hand and projected cash flows from existing projects are sufficient to meet the current level of dividends to common shareholders into 2015 before considering any positive impact from potential acquisitions or organic growth opportunities.

Based on year-to-date results and our projections for the remainder of the year, we expect to receive distributions from our projects in the range of \$70 million to \$77 million for the full year 2010, resulting in a payout ratio estimated to be near 100%. This amount represents a decrease of

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approximately \$23 million to \$30 million compared to distributions received from the projects in 2009. Additional details about these changes are included below.

At the corporate-level, we expect a net cash tax refund in 2010 in the range of \$7 million to \$9 million, compared to insignificant net cash taxes in 2009. Included in 2010 corporate-level costs will be the \$5 million payment under the terms of the management agreement termination, compared to a \$6 million payment in 2009.

The 2010 reductions in project distributions have historically been included in our long-term cash flow projections when we periodically confirm our ability to continue paying dividends to shareholders at current levels.

Looking ahead to 2011, we expect overall levels of cash flow and the payout ratio to be generally consistent with 2010. Higher project distributions and a slightly lower payment under the management agreement termination are expected to be offset by the non-recurrence of the cash tax refunds that are anticipated in 2010. In 2012, still higher distributions from projects are expected to increase operating cash flow and reduce the payout ratio significantly compared to 2010 and 2011. The most significant factor in the expected higher operating cash flow in 2012 is increased distributions from Selkirk following the final payment of its non-recourse project-level debt in 2012.

The following one-time items and contract expirations comprise the most significant of the decreases in projected 2010 project distributions compared to 2009.

Final insurance proceeds received in 2009 at Orlando due to the unplanned outage in early 2008.

Increase in debt principal payments in 2010 for Auburndale project level debt.

Resolution in 2009 of the landowner litigation over right-of-way issues at Path 15, which resulted in \$6 million being released from the construction reserve account.

Final payment related to Pasco's prior PPA that expired at end of 2008 was received in early 2009.

In 2009, the following five projects comprised approximately 86% of project distributions received: Auburndale, Lake, Orlando, Path 15 and Pasco. For 2010, we expect these same five projects to contribute a similar proportion of total project distributions.

In addition to the items above, the following is a summary of other projections for project distributions in 2010 and beyond:

***Lake***

The Lake project is exposed to changes in natural gas prices from the expiration of its natural gas supply contract on June 30, 2009 through the expiration of its PPA in July, 2013. We have executed a hedging strategy to mitigate this exposure by periodically entering into financial swaps that effectively fix the forward price of natural gas required at the project. We have taken advantage of the low market price of natural gas to make significant progress in our natural gas hedging strategy. These hedges are summarized below under "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk". We intend to continue, when appropriate, to evaluate opportunities to further mitigate natural gas price exposure at Lake in the 2010 to 2013 period.

The variable energy revenues in the Lake project's PPA are indexed to the price of coal consumed by a specific utility plant in Florida. The components of this coal price are proprietary to the utility, but we believe that the utility purchases coal for that plant under a combination of short to medium term contracts and spot market transactions.

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We expect to receive distributions from the Lake project of approximately \$25 million to \$27 million in 2010. In 2011 and 2012, expected distributions from Lake are expected to be \$28 million to \$32 million per year. The increases in 2011 and 2012 are primarily due to higher contractual capacity revenue and lower natural gas prices than in 2010, as a result of our hedging activities.

The estimates above are based on our current internal models as of April 7, 2010. Our models are based on future natural gas prices forecasted by Cambridge Energy Research Associates, an independent third-party energy consulting firm. The 2010 natural gas price exposure at Lake has been substantially hedged. In 2010, projected cash distributions at Lake would change by only \$0.7 million per \$1.00/Mmbtu change in the price of natural gas based on the current level of unhedged natural gas volumes at the project.

Coal prices used in the electricity revenue component of the projected distributions from the Lake project incorporate a forecast of the applicable Crystal River facility coal cost provided by the utility based on their internal projections. The projected annual cash distributions change by approximately \$1.0 million for every \$0.25/Mmbtu change in the projected price of coal.

***Auburndale***

Based on the current forecast, we expect distributions from Auburndale of \$24 million to \$26 million per year from 2010 through 2013, when the project's current PPA expires. Distributions received from Auburndale in the 2010 through 2013 period will be impacted by projected coal and gas prices in the forecast period.

The projected revenue from the Auburndale PPA contains a component related to coal costs at the utility off-taker's Crystal River facility as described above for the Lake project. Because that mechanism does not pass through changes in the project's fuel costs, Auburndale's operating margin is exposed to changes in natural gas prices for approximately 20% of its natural gas requirements throughout the PPA's expiration in mid-2012. The remaining 80% of the project's fuel requirements are supplied under an agreement with fixed prices through its expiration in mid-2012. We have been executing a strategy to mitigate the future exposure to changes in natural gas prices at Auburndale by periodically entering into financial swaps that effectively fix the forward price of natural gas required at the project. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" for additional details about hedge contracts executed as of April 7, 2010. The 2010 natural gas price exposure at Auburndale has been substantially hedged. In 2010, projected cash distributions at Auburndale would change by only \$0.5 million per \$1.00/Mmbtu change in the price of natural gas based on the current level of unhedged natural gas volumes at the project. We intend to continue, when appropriate, to evaluate opportunities to further mitigate natural gas price exposure at Auburndale in the 2011 to 2013 period.

***Chambers***

As expected, we have reported a significant decrease in cash flow at the Chambers project in 2009 due to a planned major maintenance outage, changes in market power prices and expected sales volumes and the expense associated with regional carbon allowance purchases.

As previously reported, the reduced cash flows resulted in the project not meeting cash flow coverage ratio tests in its non-recourse debt, so we received no distributions from Chambers in 2009. Based on our current projections, we will resume receiving distributions from the project in the second half of 2010 based on meeting the required debt service coverage ratios.

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**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

*Overview*

Our primary source of liquidity is distributions from our projects and our revolving credit facility. A significant portion of the cash received from project distributions is used to pay dividends to our shareholders and interest on our outstanding convertible debentures. We may fund future acquisitions with a combination of cash on hand, the issuance of additional corporate debt or equity securities and the incurrence of privately-placed bank or institutional non-recourse operating level debt.

We believe that we will be able to generate sufficient amounts of cash and cash equivalents to maintain our operations and meet obligations as they become due. Based on our latest projections, we believe that our cash on hand and projected future cash flows are adequate to meet the current level of dividends to shareholders into 2015 before considering any positive impact from potential acquisitions or organic growth opportunities.

We do not expect any material unusual requirements for cash outflows in 2010 for capital expenditures or other required investments. In addition, there are no debt instruments with significant maturities or refinancing requirements in 2010. See "Outlook" above for information about changes in expected distributions from our projects in 2010.

*Common Share Conversion*

On November 24, 2009, our shareholders approved our conversion to a common share structure. Subsequent to the conversion, we have continued to maintain our business strategy and our current distribution levels. Each IPS has been exchanged for one new common share. Our entire current monthly cash distribution of Cdn\$0.0912 per common share is being paid as a dividend on the new common shares.

*Credit facility*

We maintain a credit facility with a capacity of \$100 million, \$50 million of which may be utilized for letters of credit. The credit facility matures in August 2012.

In November 2008, we borrowed \$55 million under the credit facility and used the proceeds to partially fund the acquisition of Auburndale. We executed an interest rate swap to fix the interest rate at 2.4% through November 2011 for the balance outstanding under this borrowing. In July 2009, \$20 million of the outstanding borrowings under the credit facility was repaid with cash on hand. The remaining \$35 million was repaid in November 2009 with cash proceeds from the sales of Mid-Georgia and Stockton and the interest rate swap to fix the interest at 2.4% through 2011 was terminated.

The credit facility bears interest at the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin between 1.50% and 3.25% that varies based on the credit statistics of one of our subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2009, the applicable margin was 1.50%. In November 2009, we amended the credit facility in order to facilitate the common share conversion. Under the terms of the amendment, we paid a fee of \$250,000 and agreed to change the method of computing applicable margin on amounts outstanding under the credit facility.

As of December 31, 2009, \$43.9 million was allocated, but not drawn, to support letters of credit for contractual credit support at seven of our projects, including \$4.3 million associated with the Mid-Georgia project, which was sold in late 2009. In early 2010, the letter of credit associated with Mid-Georgia was cancelled.

We must meet certain financial covenants under the terms of the credit facility, which are generally based on the cash flow coverage ratios and also require us to report indebtedness ratios to the bank.

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The facility is secured by pledges of assets and interests in certain subsidiaries. We expect to remain in compliance with the covenants of the credit facility for at least the next 12 months.

***Convertible Debentures***

On October 11, 2006, we issued, in a public offering, Cdn\$60 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible secured debentures, which we refer to as the 2006 Debentures, for gross proceeds of \$52.8 million. The 2006 Debentures pay interest semi-annually on April 30 and October 31 of each year. The Debentures initially had a maturity date of October 31, 2011 and are convertible into approximately 80.6452 common shares per Cdn\$1,000 principal amount of 2006 Debentures, at any time, at the option of the holder, representing a conversion price of Cdn\$12.40 per common share. The 2006 Debentures are secured by a subordinated pledge of our interest in certain subsidiaries and contain certain restrictive covenants.

In connection with our conversion to a common share structure on November 27, 2009, the holders of the 2006 Debentures approved an amendment to increase the annual interest rate from 6.25% to 6.50% and separately, an extension of the maturity date from October 2011 to October 2014.

On December 17, 2009, we issued, in a public offering, Cdn\$75 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible debentures, which we refer to as the 2009 Debentures, for gross proceeds of \$71.4 million. The 2009 Debentures pay interest semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year beginning September 15, 2010. The 2009 Debentures mature on March 15, 2017 and are convertible into approximately 76.9231 common shares per Cdn\$1,000 principal amount of 2009 Debentures, at any time, at the option of the holder, representing a conversion price of Cdn\$13.00 per common share.

On December 24, 2009, the underwriters exercised their over-allotment option in full to purchase an additional Cdn\$11.3 million aggregate principal amount of the 2009 Debentures.

A portion of the proceeds from the 2009 Debentures was used to redeem the remaining Cdn\$40.7 million principal value of Subordinated Notes at 105% of the principal amount.

***Project-level debt***

The following table summarizes the maturities of project-level debt. The amounts represent our share of the non-recourse project-level debt balances at December 31, 2009 and exclude any purchase accounting adjustments recorded to adjust the debt to its fair value at the time the project was acquired. Certain of the projects have more than one tranche of debt outstanding with different maturities, different interest rates and/or debt containing variable interest rates. Project-level debt agreements contain covenants that restrict the amount of cash distributed by the project if certain debt service coverage ratios are not attained. As of December 31, 2009, the covenants at the Chambers, Selkirk and Delta-Person projects are temporarily preventing those projects from making cash distributions to us. We expect the Selkirk project to resume cash distributions in 2011. See "Outlook" above for guidance related to the Chambers project. All project-level debt is non-recourse to us and substantially all of the principal is amortized over the life of the projects' PPAs.

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The range of interest rates presented represents the rates in effect at December 31, 2009. The amounts listed below are in thousands of U.S. dollars, except as otherwise stated.

	Range of Interest Rates	Total Remaining Principal Repayments	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter
<b>Consolidated Projects:</b>								
Epsilon Power Partners	8.4% - 7.9%	37,482	1,000	1,500	1,500	3,000	5,000	25,482
Path 15	9.0%	161,348	7,480	7,987	8,667	9,402	8,065	119,747
Auburndale	5.1%	31,500	9,800	9,800	7,000	4,900		
Total Consolidated Projects		230,330	18,280	19,287	17,167	17,302	13,065	145,229
<b>Equity Method Projects:</b>								
Chambers	0.4% - 3.6%	86,096	11,051	11,294	12,176	10,783	5,780	35,012
Delta-Person	2.1%	12,082	1,147	1,220	1,308	1,403	1,505	5,499
Selkirk	9.0%	23,875	8,247	10,188	5,440			
Gregory	1.8% - 7.5%	16,040	1,757	1,901	2,044	2,205	2,385	5,748
Total Equity Method Projects		138,093	22,202	24,603	20,968	14,391	9,670	46,259
Total Project-Level Debt		368,423	40,482	43,890	38,135	31,693	22,735	191,488

### **Restricted cash**

The projects generally have reserve requirements to support payments for major maintenance costs and project-level debt service. For projects that are consolidated, our share of these amounts is reflected as restricted cash on the consolidated balance sheet. At December 31, 2009, restricted cash at consolidated projects totaled \$14.9 million.

### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures for the projects are generally made at the project level using project cash flows and project reserves. Therefore, the distributions that we receive from the projects are made net of capital expenditures needed at the projects. The projects in which we have investments generally consist of large capital assets that have established commercial operations. Ongoing capital expenditures for assets of this nature are generally not significant because most major expenditures relate to planned repairs and maintenance and are expensed when incurred.

In 2009, several of the projects undertook planned outages to complete major maintenance work that prolonged the life and ensured efficient and reliable operation of the assets. Major overhaul inspections were conducted during the period at Badger Creek, Chambers and Selkirk. The principal maintenance activity at Chambers was a major overhaul of the project's steam turbine. Selkirk conducted major overhaul inspections of two of its three gas turbines in 2009. Both Chambers and Selkirk have reserves that are funded from operating cash flow in anticipation of major maintenance expenditures. Reserve withdrawals cover a substantial portion of the actual maintenance costs. Typically, Selkirk is able to fully mitigate lost operating margin through the resale of natural gas not consumed.

Costs associated with the major gas turbine overhaul at Badger Creek are paid for by the operator of the plant based on a levelized operations and maintenance fee that the operator is paid by the project. Minor gas turbine inspections and overhauls were completed at Gregory and Auburndale. Both Gregory and Auburndale have long-term service agreements in place for their gas turbines with payments over time that cover a substantial portion of the overhaul cost. Gregory also funds a reserve over time to cover certain maintenance expenditures. Each of the projects conducts maintenance





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activities during periods of the year when impacts to the project's margin on energy sales and contractual availability requirements can be minimized.

In 2010, several of the projects have planned outages to complete maintenance work. The level of maintenance and capital expenditures is reduced from 2009. Selkirk has planned a major overhaul of a steam turbine and a minor inspection of one of its combustion turbines, with costs and lost margin largely covered by reserves and gas resales, respectively. Auburndale will also conduct a minor inspection of one of the facility's combustion turbines, which is covered by its long-term service agreement, in conjunction with other maintenance work. Chambers is scheduled to conduct inspections and customary repairs on both its boilers. Typically, Chambers staggers the inspections of its two boilers from year to year; however the boiler inspection in 2009 was deferred to 2010 in order to preserve a high availability factor given the anticipated reduced availability associated with the project's steam turbine overhaul in 2009. A minor gas turbine inspection is also scheduled at Orlando.

**Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands of U.S. dollars).

	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	Thereafter	Total
Debt <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 18,280	\$ 36,454	\$ 87,455	\$ 227,294	\$ 369,483
Interest payment on debt	25,820	48,418	43,049	83,353	200,640
Total operating lease obligation <sup>(b)</sup>	919	1,908	995	84	3,906
Total purchase obligations	15,123	13,928	8,047	24,221	61,319
Total other long term liabilities		5,027		719	5,746
 Total contractual obligations	 \$ 60,142	 \$ 105,735	 \$ 139,546	 \$ 335,671	 \$ 641,094

(a) Debt represents our consolidated share of project long-term debt. The amount presented excludes the net unamortized purchase price adjustment of \$12,030 related to the fair value of debt assumed in the Path 15 acquisition. Project debt is non-recourse to us and is generally amortized during the term of the respective revenue generating contracts of the projects. The range of interest rates on long-term consolidated project debt at December 31, 2009 was 5.1% to 9.0%.

(b) These lease payments are associated primarily with the lease of our headquarters office in Boston, MA which expires on March 31, 2015.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of December 31, 2009, we had no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2009, the FASB approved the "FASB Accounting Standards Codification" as the single source of authoritative, nongovernmental, U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as of July 1, 2009. The codification does not change current U.S. GAAP or how we account for our transactions or nature of related disclosures made; instead it is intended to simplify user access to all authoritative literature related to a particular topic in one place. All existing accounting standard documents will be superseded, and all other accounting literature not included in the codification will be considered non-authoritative. The codification is effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The codification became effective for Atlantic Power beginning the quarter

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ending September 30, 2009 and did not have an impact in our balance sheet or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In 2009, the FASB amended the consolidation guidance applied to variable interest entities ("VIEs"). This standard replaces the quantitative approach previously required to determine which entity has a controlling financial interest in a VIE with a qualitative approach. Under the new approach, the primary beneficiary of a VIE is the entity that has both (a) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance, and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity, or the right to receive benefits from the entity, that could be significant to the VIE. This standard also requires ongoing reassessments of whether an entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE and enhanced disclosures about an entity's involvement in VIEs. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. We do not expect this standard to have a material effect upon our financial statements.

In 2010, the FASB amended the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the codification to require additional disclosures about 1) transfers of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, including the reason for transfers, 2) purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll-forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, 3) additional disaggregation to include fair value measurement disclosures for each class of assets and liabilities and 4) disclosure of inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The amendment is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll-forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. We do not expect this standard to have a material effect upon our financial statements.

We adopted the FASB's revised standard for business combinations on January 1, 2009. The provisions of the standard are applied prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date occurs after January 1, 2009. The statement requires an acquirer to recognize and measure in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at fair value at the acquisition date. It also recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired or a gain from a bargain purchase in the business combination and determines what information to disclose to enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. In addition, transaction costs are required to be expensed as incurred. This standard was further amended and clarified with regard to application issues on initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting, and disclosure of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination. Our adoption of the standard did not have an impact on our results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In May 2009, the FASB issued a standard that incorporates the accounting and disclosure requirements related to subsequent events found in auditing standards into U.S. GAAP, effectively making management directly responsible for subsequent events accounting and disclosures. The standard also requires disclosure of the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009, and shall be applied prospectively. Our adoption of the standard did not have an impact on our results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In 2008, the FASB amended the disclosure requirements to improve financial reporting about derivatives and hedging activities. This standard became effective on January 1, 2009. We have adopted this standard as of January 1, 2009 and have adjusted our current disclosures accordingly.

In September 2006, the FASB issued a standard which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value measurements in financial reporting. While the standard does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstance, it has applicability to several current accounting standards that require or permit entities to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. The standard defines fair value, establishes a

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framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The impact of our adoption of this standard on January 1, 2008 resulted in a \$25.2 million increase to retained deficit

In July 2006, the FASB issued an interpretation that requires a new evaluation process for all tax positions taken, recognizing tax benefits when it is more-likely-than-not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. The benefit from a position that has surpassed the more-likely-than-not threshold is the largest amount of benefit that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon settlement. Differences between the amounts recognized in the statement of financial position prior to the adoption of the interpretation and the amounts reported after adoption are to be accounted for as an adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings. Our adoption of the standard did not have an impact on the results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices, will affect our cash flows or the value of our holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to minimize the impact that market risks have on our cash flows as described in the following paragraphs.

Our market risk sensitive instruments and positions have been determined to be "other than trading." Our exposure to market risk as discussed below includes forward-looking statements and represents an estimate of possible changes in fair value or future earnings that would occur assuming hypothetical future movements in fuel commodity prices, currency exchange rates or interest rates. Our views on market risk are not necessarily indicative of actual results that may occur and do not represent the maximum possible gains and losses that may occur, since actual gains and losses will differ from those estimated based on actual fluctuations in fuel commodity prices, currency exchange rates or interest rates and the timing of transactions.

### Fuel Commodity Market Risk

Our current and future cash flows are impacted by changes in electricity, natural gas and coal prices. The combination of long-term energy sales and fuel purchase agreements are designed to mitigate the impacts to cash flows of changes in commodity prices by generally passing through changes in fuel prices to the buyer of the energy.

The Lake project's operating margin is exposed to changes in the market price of natural gas from the expiration of its natural gas supply contract on June 30, 2009 through the expiration of its PPA on July 31, 2013. The Auburndale project purchases natural gas under a fuel supply agreement which provides approximately 80% of the project's fuel requirements at fixed prices through June 30, 2012. The remaining 20% is purchased at market prices and therefore the project is exposed to changes in natural gas prices for that portion of its gas requirements through the termination of the fuel supply agreement and 100% of its natural gas requirements from the expiration of the fuel contract in mid-2012 until the termination of its PPA.

We have executed a strategy to mitigate the future exposure to changes in natural gas prices at Lake and Auburndale by periodically entering into financial swaps that effectively fix the price of natural gas required at these projects. These natural gas swaps are derivative financial instruments and are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the natural gas swaps through June 30, 2009 were recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) as they were designated as a hedge of the risk associated with changes in market prices of natural gas. As of July 1, 2009, these natural gas swap hedges were de-designated and the changes in their fair value are recorded in change in fair value of derivative instruments in the consolidated statements of operations.

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In 2010, projected cash distributions at Auburndale would change by approximately \$0.5 million per \$1.00/Mmbtu change in the price of natural gas based on the current level of un-hedged natural gas volumes at the Project. In 2010, projected cash distributions at Lake would change by approximately \$0.7 million per \$1.00/Mmbtu change in the price of natural gas based on the current level of unhedged natural gas volumes at the project.

Coal prices used in the revenue component of the projected distributions from the Lake and Auburndale projects incorporate a forecast of the applicable Crystal River facility coal cost provided by the utility based on their internal projections. The projected annual cash distributions from Lake and Auburndale combined would change by approximately \$2.4 million for every \$0.25/Mmbtu change in the projected price of coal.

The following table summarizes the hedge position related to natural gas needed to meet PPA requirements at Lake and Auburndale as of December 31, 2009, including additional swaps executed during first quarter 2010:

As of December 31, 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Portion of gas volumes currently hedged:				
Lake:				
Contracted				
Financially hedged	80%	65%	90%	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>65%</b>
Auburndale:				
Contracted	80%	80%	40%	
Financially hedged	15%	13%	19%	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>65%</b>

Average price of financially hedged volumes (per Mmbtu)

Lake	\$ 7.11	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.90	\$ 7.05
Auburndale	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.68	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.02

As of April 7, 2010	2010	2011	2012	2013
Portion of gas volumes currently hedged:				
Lake:				
Contracted				
Financially hedged	80%	78%	90%	65%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>65%</b>
Auburndale:				
Contracted	80%	80%	40%	
Financially hedged	15%	13%	32%	79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>79%</b>

Average price of financially hedged volumes (per Mmbtu)

Lake	\$ 7.11	\$ 6.52	\$ 6.90	\$ 7.05
Auburndale	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.68	\$ 6.51	\$ 6.92

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We use forward foreign currency contracts to manage our exposure to changes in foreign exchange rates as we earn our income in the United States but pay dividends to shareholders in Canadian dollars. Since our inception, we have had an established hedging strategy for the purpose of reinforcing the long-term sustainability of our dividends. We have executed this strategy by entering into forward contracts to purchase Canadian dollars at fixed rates of exchange sufficient to make monthly distributions through December 2013 at the current annual dividend level of Cdn\$1.094 per common share, as well as interest payments on the 2009 Debentures. It is our intention to periodically consider extending the length of these forward contracts. Changes in the fair value of the forward contracts partially offset foreign exchange gains or losses on the U.S. dollar equivalent of our Canadian dollar obligations.

In addition to the forward contracts discussed above that settle on a monthly basis, we executed forward contracts to purchase Canadian dollars at fixed rates of exchange sufficient to make semi-annual payments on the 2006 Debentures. The contracts provide for the purchase of Cdn\$1.9 million in April and in October of each year through 2011 at a rate of 1.1075 Canadian dollars per U.S. dollar.

The foreign exchange forward contracts are recorded at estimated fair value based on quoted market prices and the estimation of the counter-party's credit risk. Changes in the fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts are reflected in foreign exchange (gain) loss in the consolidated statements of operations.

The following table contains the components of recorded foreign exchange (gain) loss for the periods indicated:

	2009	2008	2007
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains) losses:			
Subordinated notes and convertible debentures	\$ 55,508	\$ (85,212)	\$ 68,419
Forward contracts and other	(31,138)	46,009	(30,703)
	24,370	(39,203)	37,716
Realized foreign exchange gains on forward contract settlements	(3,864)	(8,044)	(7,574)
	\$ 20,506	\$ (47,247)	\$ 30,142

The following table illustrates the impact on our financial instruments of a 10% hypothetical change in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the Canadian dollar as of December 31, 2009:

Convertible debentures	\$ 13,915
Foreign currency forward contracts	30,204
	\$ 44,119

**Interest Rate Risk**

The impact of changes in interest rates do not have a significant impact on cash payments that are required on our debt instruments as approximately 90% of our debt, including our share of the project-level debt associated with equity investments in affiliates, either bears interest at fixed rates or is financially hedged through the use of interest rate swaps.

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We have executed interest rate swaps on the revolving credit facility and at our consolidated Auburndale project to economically fix a portion of their respective exposure to changes in interest rates related to variable-rate debt. The interest rate swap agreements were designated as a cash flow hedge of the forecasted interest payments under the project-level Auburndale debt and the credit facility when they were executed in November 2008. The original interest rate swap expiration date for the Auburndale project-level debt was November 30, 2009. In November 2009, we executed a new interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge at Auburndale that expires on November 30, 2013. On November 30, 2009, we settled the interest rate swap on the revolving credit facility when the remaining outstanding balance on the credit facility was repaid. The remaining amount in accumulated other comprehensive income for this swap was recorded in the consolidated statements of operations.

In accounting for cash flow hedges, gains and losses on the derivative contracts are reported in other comprehensive income, outside "Net Income" reported in our consolidated statements of operations, but only to the extent that the gains and losses from the change in value of the derivative contracts can later offset the loss or gain from the change in value of the hedged future cash flows during the period in which the hedged cash flows affect net income. That is, for cash flow hedges, all effective components of the derivative contracts' gains and losses are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss), pending occurrence of the expected transaction. Other comprehensive income (loss) consists of those financial items that are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in our accompanying consolidated balance sheets but not included in our net income. Thus, in highly effective cash flow hedges, where there is no ineffectiveness, other comprehensive income changes by exactly as much as the derivative contracts and there is no impact on earnings until the expected transaction occurs.

After considering the impact of interest rate swaps, a hypothetical change in the average interest rate of 100 basis points would change annual interest costs, including interest at equity investments, by approximately \$0.4 million.

**ITEM 3. PROPERTIES.**

We have included descriptions of the locations and general character of our principal physical operating properties, including an identification of the segments that use such properties, in "Item 1. Business," which is incorporated herein by reference. A significant portion of our equity interests in the entities owning these properties are pledged as collateral under our senior credit facility or under non-recourse operating level debt arrangements. See Note 9 in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding our operating properties.

Our principal executive office is located at 200 Clarendon Street, Floor 25, Boston, Massachusetts under a lease that expires in 2015.

**ITEM 4. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT.**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common shares as of April 7, 2010 with respect to:

each person (including any "group" of persons as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who is known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common shares;

each of our directors;

each of our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in Item 6 of this registration statement below;  
and

all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

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Unless otherwise indicated below, the address of each beneficial owner listed in the following table is c/o Atlantic Power Corporation, 200 Clarendon Street, Floor 25, Boston, MA 02116.

Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the following table, we believe, based on the information provided to us, that the persons named in the following table have sole vesting and investment power with respect to the shares they beneficially own, subject to applicable community property laws.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Shares Beneficially Owned (%)(1)
<b>Directors and Named Executive Officers</b>		
Irving R. Gerstein	2,000	*
Kenneth M. Hartwick	42,612 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
John A. McNeil	10,000	*
William E. Whitman	25,445 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
Barry E. Welch	277,654 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
Patrick J. Welch	115,273 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
Paul H. Rapisarda	54,697 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
William B. Daniels	31,277 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
John J. Hulburt	16,576 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
All directors and named executive officers as a group (9 persons)	575,534	*

\*

Less than 1%

(1)

The applicable percentage ownership is based on 60,404,093 shares of our common shares issued as of March 31, 2010.

(2)

Common shares beneficially owned include the following unvested notional units in our long-term incentive plan.

Barry E. Welch	182,605
Patrick J. Welch	87,650
Paul H. Rapisarda	52,168
William B. Daniels	31,277
John J. Hulburt	16,576

(3)

Common shares beneficially owned include units held in our Directors' Deferred Share Unit Plan of 40,612 for Ken Hartwick and 25,445 for Bill Whitman.



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Our directors are elected by our shareholders at our annual meeting, which is generally held in June of each year. Directors hold office for one year or until their successors are chosen. The names, ages and positions of each of our directors and executive officers are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Irving Gerstein	69	Director, Board Chairman, Nominating and Governance Committee Chairman
Ken Hartwick	47	Director, Audit Committee Chairman, Compensation Committee Chairman
John McNeil	68	Director
Bill Whitman	54	Director
Barry Welch	52	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer
Patrick Welch	42	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary
Paul Rapisarda	56	Managing Director, Acquisitions and Asset Management
Bill Daniels	51	Senior Director, Asset Management
John J. Hulburt	43	Corporate Controller

*Irving R. Gerstein, C.M., O.Ont* The Honourable Irving R. Gerstein has been a director of Atlantic Power since October 2004. Senator Gerstein is a Member of the Order of Canada and a Member of the Order of Ontario, and was appointed to the Senate of Canada in December 2008. He is a retired executive, and is currently a director of Medical Facilities Corporation, Student Transportation of America, Ltd., and Economic Investment Trust Limited, and previously served as a director of other public companies, including CTV Inc., Traders Group Limited, Guaranty Trust Company of Canada, Confederation Life Insurance Company and Scott's Hospitality Inc., and as an officer and director of Peoples Jewellers Limited. Senator Gerstein is an honorary director of Mount Sinai Hospital (Toronto), having previously served as Chairman of the Board, Chairman Emeritus and a director over a period of twenty-five years, and is currently a member of its Research Committee. Senator Gerstein earned his BSc in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School of Finance and Commerce). Mr. Gerstein's substantial experience on the boards of numerous other public companies and his prior experience as an executive of a substantial public company make him a valued advisor and highly qualified to serve as chairman of our board of directors and as chairman of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

*Ken Hartwick, C.A.* has been a director of Atlantic Power since October 2004. Ken Hartwick has over 13 years of management experience in the energy sector, and 20 years experience in the financial sector. Mr. Hartwick's experience in the energy industry spans several markets having played an integral role as an executive officer for Just Energy since April 2004, helping launch their businesses in Alberta, British Columbia, Indiana, and Texas as well as growing the businesses already established in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Illinois and New York. He currently serves as the President and CEO for, and is a director on the board of Just Energy, an integrated retailer of commodity products. Mr. Hartwick has served as President and CEO for Just Energy since June 2008, as President from 2006 until June 2008, and as Chief Financial Officer from April 2004 to 2006. Mr. Hartwick understands the issues facing the electricity industry through his previous role as Chief Financial officer of one of the largest distribution companies in North America, Hydro One Inc., where he gained increasing executive-level responsibility throughout his career, and provided strategic direction as Ontario transitions towards a competitive energy marketplace. Mr. Hartwick earned his Honours of Business Administration from Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario. His substantial experience in the energy industry and financial sector make him a valued advisor and highly qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors and as chairman of our Audit and Compensation Committees.

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*John McNeil* has been a director of Atlantic Power since October 2004. Mr. McNeil is President of BDR NorthAmerica Inc., an energy consulting company based in Toronto, Ontario. Prior to his appointment at BDR NorthAmerica Inc. in 2000, Mr. McNeil was Managing Director Investment Banking with Scotia Capital Inc. from 1996 to 1999. Previously, he was a Senior Vice-President and Director of ScotiaMcLeod Inc. from 1991 to 1995. Mr. McNeil has extensive expertise in the areas of asset management models, capitalization, mergers and acquisitions, business and enterprise valuations, capital markets and market ratings and has worked extensively throughout North America and Europe. Mr. McNeil specializes in the electric power sector and his major focus in recent years has been in the field of corporate and enterprise unbundling and reconstitution resulting from the restructuring of the electricity sector in North America. Mr. McNeil earned a B.A. (Honors) from Queens University, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto and a Master of Business Administration from the University of British Columbia. Mr. McNeil's extensive experience in the financial and capital markets sectors, as well as his expertise in the electric power sector, make him a valued advisor and highly qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors.

*William Whitman* has been a director of Atlantic Power since December 2006. Mr. Whitman is currently an independent consultant advising and representing clients on energy-from-waste matters. Prior to April, 2008, he was Senior Vice President of NW Financial Group, LLC, an investment bank specializing in municipal finance. Mr. Whitman has over twenty years of experience in structuring and managing waste-to-energy projects. At NW Financial Group, LLC, Mr. Whitman helped clients structure and finance projects, providing essential public services such as waste disposal and water treatment. From July 2003 to March 2004, Mr. Whitman was a contract employee of MSW Energy Holdings LLC ("MSW"), where he fulfilled the duties of Chief Financial Officer. MSW owns a 50% indirect membership interest in Ref-Fuel Holdings LLC, which is one of the largest owners and operators of waste-to-energy projects in the United States. Prior to joining MSW, Mr. Whitman played a leading role in the start-up and management of Covanta's (formerly Ogden Corporation) waste-to-energy business from 1987 to 2002. At Covanta, Mr. Whitman directed financial operations, resolved contract and client issues and generally helped to manage day-to-day operations. He was also involved in the structuring and financing of several of the waste-to-energy projects and led the restructuring of distressed projects. Mr. Whitman served as Chief Financial Officer of Ogden Energy Group from 1990 to 2001 and Senior Vice-President of Covanta from 2001 to 2002. Mr. Whitman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Syracuse University and a Master of Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University. Mr. Whitman's extensive experience in the energy-from-waste sector and related activities in the financial sector make him a valued advisor and highly qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors.

*Barry Welch* has been our President and Chief Executive Officer since October 2004 (until December 31, 2009, through the Manager) and a Director since June 2007. Prior to joining Atlantic Power Corporation, Mr. Welch was the Senior Vice President and co-head of the Bond & Corporate Finance Group of John Hancock Financial Services ("John Hancock"), Boston, Massachusetts, from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Welch served on several committees at John Hancock, including its Pension Investment Advisory Committee and Investment Operating Committee. Mr. Welch was Chairman of John Hancock's Bond Investment Committee and reported monthly on investment portfolio, strategy and activity to the Committee of Finance of John Hancock's board of directors. Mr. Welch also led the development and approval of John Hancock's involvement with ArcLight Capital Partners and served as a member of ArcLight Energy Partners Fund I's Investment Committee. During his time at John Hancock, Mr. Welch headed the Bond and Corporate Finance Group's Power and Energy investment team. From 1989 to 2004, he was involved directly or oversaw \$25 billion of investments in more than 1,000 utility, project finance and oil and gas transactions. Prior to joining John Hancock, Mr. Welch spent more than three years as a developer of power projects at Thermo Electron Corporation's Energy Systems Division (later known as Thermo Ecotek). There, he was involved in greenfield development of natural gas, wood and waste-to-energy projects, as well as asset management roles for

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operating plants. Mr. Welch earned a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University, and a Masters of Business Administration from Boston College. Mr. Welch serves on the board of directors of the Walker Home and School in Needham, Massachusetts. Mr. Welch's extensive experience in energy investment and related activities in the financial sector, as well as his in-depth knowledge of our company through his position as President and Chief Executive Officer, make him highly qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors.

*Patrick Welch*, who is not related to Barry Welch, has been our Chief Financial Officer since May 2006 (until December 31, 2009, through the Manager). He has an extensive background in the energy and independent power industries. Before joining Atlantic Power, Mr. Welch was Vice President and Controller of DCP Midstream, (DCP) and DCP Midstream Partners, LP (DCPLP) headquartered in Denver, Colorado. DCP is a private midstream natural gas company owned by Spectra Energy and ConocoPhillips and DCPLP is a public master limited partnership sponsored by DCP. In these roles, Mr. Welch was responsible for all accounting, budgeting, SEC and financial reporting and compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for DCP and DCPLP. Prior to that he held various positions at Dynegy Inc. in Houston, Texas, including Vice President and Controller for Dynegy Generation, and Assistant Corporate Controller. Prior to Dynegy, Mr. Welch was a Senior Audit Manager in the Energy, Utilities and Mining Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, predominantly in Houston, Texas, where he served several major energy clients. He earned his bachelors degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and is a Certified Public Accountant.

*Paul Rapisarda* has 25 years of experience in energy, utility and independent power investment banking. Mr. Rapisarda is currently Managing Director of Acquisitions and Asset Management at Atlantic Power. From 2001 to early 2008 he was a Principal with Compass Advisors, a boutique M&A advisory firm in New York, where he was involved in numerous strategic advisory, restructuring and principal transactions in the energy and power sectors. Prior to Compass Advisors, Mr. Rapisarda held senior positions with the energy and utilities investment banking teams at Schroders, Merrill Lynch and BT Securities. Prior to that he was a Managing Director and Co-Head, Utilities and Structured Finance, at Drexel Burnham Lambert. While at Drexel, he also worked with the firm's chief financial officer in making direct tax-oriented investments on the firm's behalf. Over the course of his career, Mr. Rapisarda has worked on a broad range of capital markets and advisory transactions including substantial experience in cross-border and emerging markets. He earned his Bachelors degree from Amherst College and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

*William Daniels* has been with Atlantic Power since March 2007. He is currently Senior Director of Asset Management. Mr. Daniels has 26 years of experience in oil and gas exploration, independent power development, project finance and asset management. Prior to joining Atlantic Power, Mr. Daniels was Director, Asset Management at American National Power. He has held various positions in asset management and project finance at Calpine Corp., Edison Mission Energy, Citizens Power and the Toronto-Dominion Bank. Prior to receiving his MBA, he worked with Mitchell Energy Corp. as an exploration geologist. Mr. Daniels earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Rochester, a Master of Science in Geology from the Ohio State University, and an MBA from Columbia University Business School.

*John J. Hulburt* has been the Corporate Controller of Atlantic Power since June 2008. Mr. Hulburt has 14 years of experience in the accounting industry. Before joining Atlantic Power, Mr. Hulburt was Controller of GreatPoint Energy, Inc. headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. GreatPoint Energy is a technology-driven natural resources company and the developer of a proprietary, highly-efficient catalytic process, known as hydromethanation. Mr. Hulburt was responsible for all accounting, budgeting and financial reporting for GreatPoint Energy. Prior to that he was the Chief Financial Officer at Datawatch Corporation in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and the Chief Financial Officer at Bruker Daltonics in Billerica, Massachusetts. Datawatch and Bruker Daltonics were publicly listed Companies on the NASDAQ Exchange. He was responsible for all accounting, budgeting, SEC and

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financial reporting for Datawatch and Bruker Daltonics. Prior to Bruker Daltonics, Mr. Hulburt was an Audit Manager in the Hi-Technology and Manufacturing Practice of Ernst & Young LLP, where he served several major Hi-Tech and Manufacturing clients. He earned his bachelors degree from the Merrimack College and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

*Introduction*

Until December 31, 2009, we were managed through a management services agreement with Atlantic Power Management, LLC, which we refer to herein as the "Manager," which is owned by two private equity funds managed by ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC. As such, we did not have any executive officers or other employees and all of the persons listed in this Item 6 as "named executive officers" were employed by the Manager. Effective December 31, 2009, the management agreement was terminated and all of the employees of the Manager became our employees. In addition, Barry Welch, Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda entered into executive employment agreements with us in connection with the termination of the management agreement.

*Compensation Objectives*

Compensation plays an important role in achieving short and long-term business objectives that ultimately drives business success in alignment with long-term shareholder goals. The objectives of our compensation program are to:

attract and retain highly qualified executive officers with a history of proven success;

align the interests of our executive officers with shareholders' interests and with the execution of our business strategy;

establish performance goals that, if met by Atlantic Power, are expected to improve long-term shareholder value; and

tie compensation to performance with respect to those goals and provide meaningful rewards for achieving them.

Our compensation program is designed to provide adequate reward for services and incentive for our senior management team to implement both short-term and long-term strategies aimed at increasing shareholder value, and aligning the interests of senior management with those of our shareholders.

Our compensation program has been established in order to compete with remuneration practices of companies similar to us and those which represent potential competition for our executive officers and other employees. In this respect, we identify remuneration practices and remuneration levels of public companies that are likely to compete for our employees. In designing the compensation program, our board of directors focuses on remaining competitive in the market with respect to total compensation for each of our executive officers. However, our board of directors does review each element of compensation for market competitiveness and it may weigh a particular element more heavily based on the executive officer's role.

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The following table lists our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, our third senior officer and our two other most highly compensated non-officer employees, collectively referred to as named executive officers:

Barry E. Welch	President and CEO
Patrick J. Welch	CFO and Corporate Secretary
Paul H. Rapisarda	Managing Director, Asset Management and Acquisitions
William B. Daniels	Senior Director, Asset Management
John J. Hulburt	Corporate Controller

***Elements of Compensation***

The compensation of each named executive officer includes a base salary, cash bonus and eligibility for awards under the long-term incentive plan. All compensation decisions are made by the Compensation Committee of our board of directors.

*Base Salary*

The base salaries for our named executive officers for 2009 were established by the Manager, but reviewed by our board of directors as part of the annual approval of the Manager's budget. This review is based on the level of responsibility, the experience level attained by the relevant named executive officer and his or her personal contribution to our financial performance with a goal to ensure that the base salaries are appropriate and competitive.

*Annual Cash Bonus (Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation)*

Possible annual cash bonus awards are based on whether or not duties have been performed well based on the relevant named executive officer's success in contributing to our operating and financial performance, including achieving annual goals and objectives approved by the Compensation Committee.

In addition, in the case of Barry Welch, Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda, a portion of the annual cash bonus is fixed for each of the three years 2009 through 2011 per the terms of their respective employment contracts and an additional portion is based on our total shareholder return compared to a group of our peer companies. For the portion dependent on total shareholder return relative performance, a scale establishes a minimum of zero and a maximum of 110% of each senior executive's base salary. Relative performance at greater than the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of the peer group is required to earn the minimum award and at greater than the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of the peer group in order to earn the maximum award. An additional portion of the possible cash bonus is based on our board of directors' assessment of the senior officers' performance.

Total shareholder return refers to the rate of return that a shareholder would earn on an investment in our common shares (or, prior to the conversion of our IPSs to common shares, our IPSs) assuming the investment was held for the entire year and that monthly dividends were reinvested. Our Compensation Committee includes the following companies in the peer group for the purpose of determining our relative total shareholder return performance:

Brookfield Renewable Power Fund;

Capital Power Income LP;

Northland Power Income Fund;

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Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc. ;

Macquarie Power and Infrastructure Income Fund;

Innergex Power Income Fund;

Boralex, Inc. ;

Boralex Income Fund;

Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. ; and

Maxim Power Corp.

*Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")*

In 2006, our board of directors retained Mercer Human Resource Consulting ("Mercer") to assist in its review of the compensation of the employees of the Manager. The two primary roles of Mercer were (i) to provide a compensation benchmarking review, and (ii) to provide a review of LTIP alternatives and assist our board of directors in the design of the LTIP that was ultimately approved by the board of directors and by our shareholders. The compensation benchmarking review provided the board of directors with an objective review of existing compensation relative to a competitive peer group and identified the appropriateness and desirability of implementing the LTIP to further align the interests of employees of the Manager with those of Atlantic Power and holders of IPSs, and to adequately assist with attracting and retaining qualified employees in the relevant U.S. labor pool.

The named executive officers and other employees of the Manager are eligible to participate in the LTIP as determined by our board of directors. The purpose of the LTIP is to align the interests of named executive officers with those of our shareholders and to assist in attracting, retaining and motivating key employees of the Manager by making a significant portion of their incentive compensation directly dependent upon the achievement of critical strategic, financial and operational objectives that are critical to ongoing growth and increasing the long-term value of Atlantic Power, as well as providing an opportunity to increase their share ownership over time. The LTIP is designed to help achieve short-term compensation objectives by setting yearly performance targets that trigger various levels of grants and also to achieve longer term objectives and assist in retention through the use of both a three-year vesting period and possible forfeiture of awards if certain levels of performance are not achieved during each grant's vesting period.

The following description applies to our initial LTIP, approved by shareholders in June 2006 and amended in June 2008. For each performance period (being, generally, a period of one calendar year commencing on January 1 of each year), the board of directors establishes LTIP award percentages that will determine the amount (based on a percentage of base salary) that each named executive officer is entitled to receive under the LTIP if certain levels of target project cash flow for the performance period are achieved. Target project cash flow is based on cash flows generated by our projects less management fees, administrative expenses, corporate interest, taxes and any other adjustments determined by our board of directors. The achievement of target project cash flow for each performance period is determined by the board of directors based on our actual cash flow compared to the target cash flow. In making this determination, the board of directors has discretion to consider other factors, related to our performance. If certain levels of target project cash flow are achieved as determined by our board of directors, the named executive officer will be eligible to receive a number of notional units (including fractional units) to be calculated by dividing an incentive amount (based on the LTIP award percentages and the named executive officer's base salary) by the market price per IPS. The market price per IPS is defined in the LTIP as the weighted average closing price of IPSs on the TSX for the five days immediately preceding the applicable day. Any notional units granted to a participant in respect of a performance period will be credited to a notional unit account for each

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participant on the determination date for such performance period. Each notional unit is entitled to receive distributions equal to the distributions on an IPS, to be credited in the form of additional notional units immediately following any distribution on the IPSs. Subsequent to our conversion to a common share structure, all references to "IPS" in the LTIP were changed to "Common Shares" and all references to distributions on IPSs were changed to dividends on common shares.

For grants under the LTIP, one-third of the notional units in a participant's notional unit account for a performance period vest on the 13-month anniversary following the determination date for such performance period, 50% of the notional units remaining in a participant's notional unit account for a performance period vest on the second anniversary date of the determination date for such performance period, and all remaining notional units in a participant's notional unit account for a performance period vest on the third anniversary of the determination date for such performance period.

On the applicable vesting date for notional units held in a participant's notional unit account, we redeem such vested notional units as follows: (i) one-third by lump sum cash payment (generally intended to be withheld toward payment of taxes that will be owed due to the vesting), and (ii) the remaining two-thirds by an exchange for common shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a named executive officer may elect to redeem such notional units for 100% common shares upon prior written notice of such election. All issuances of common shares on redemption of notional units under the LTIP are subject to compliance with applicable securities laws. In addition, the board of directors has the discretion to redeem notional units 100% with cash and has exercised this discretion for all notional units vested since the inception of the LTIP, except for those that have vested in the notional unit accounts of our senior officers.

If the net cash flows (as determined by our board of directors) achieved in a performance period are less than 80% of the target project cash flow previously approved by our board of directors for that performance period, all notional units having a vesting date in the next performance period will be cancelled, will no longer be redeemable for common shares and the executive officers will forfeit all rights, title and interest with respect to such notional units, unless otherwise expressly determined by our board of directors, as administrators of the LTIP.

Pursuant to each senior executive's employment agreement, each senior executive is eligible for an annual award under the LTIP up to a maximum of 150% of their annual base salary. Named executive officers other than senior executives are eligible for an annual award under the LTIP ranging from 10% to 80% of their annual base salary.

In early 2010, our board of directors approved amendments to the LTIP. The amendments do not impact grants for the 2009 performance year or unvested notional units related to grants made prior to the amendments. The amended LTIP will be effective for grants beginning with the 2010 performance year.

Under the amended LTIP, the notional units granted to plan participants will have the same characteristics as the notional units under the old LTIP. However, the number of notional units granted will be based, in part, on our total shareholder return compared to a group of peer companies in Canada. In addition, vesting of notional units for senior executives will occur on a three-year cliff basis as opposed to a ratable vesting over three years under the old LTIP.

*401(k) Matching Contributions*

We also make annual matching contributions to each named executive officer's 401(k) plan account based upon a predetermined formula. The purpose of the matching contributions is to supplement the named executive officer's personal savings toward future retirement as we have no pension plan. The matching formula for all employees, including named executive officers, is equal to the employee's 401(k) contribution up to 7% of base salary and cash bonus, up to the maximum allowed by Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations. The IRS maximum contribution in 2009 was \$16,500 for participants under age 50 and \$22,000 for participants 50 and over.

Table of Contents**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth a summary of salary and other annual compensation earned during the year ended December 31, 2009 by each named executive officer (in US\$).

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-equity Incentive		Total Compensation
					Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	
Barry E. Welch Director, President and Chief Executive Officer	2009	535,000	400,000	472,500	390,000	22,000	1,819,500
Patrick J. Welch Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary	2009	259,500	130,000	226,800	169,000	16,500	801,800
Paul H. Rapisarda Managing Director, Asset Management and Acquisitions	2009	257,500	130,000	225,000	169,000	22,000	800,500
William B. Daniels Senior Director Asset Management	2009	185,000		110,500	166,500	22,000	484,000
John J. Hulburt Corporate Controller	2009	180,000		87,500	80,000	12,601	360,101

(1)

See our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto for additional information regarding the assumptions made in the valuation of the named executive officers' stock awards.



Table of Contents**Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

Following are grants of plan-based awards during the year ended December 31, 2009 for each named executive officer.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(a)</sup>			All Other Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(b)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of LTIP Awards (\$)
		Minimum (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)		
Barry E. Welch	N/A 3/31/09		300,000	390,000	82,008	472,500
Patrick J. Welch	N/A 3/31/09		130,000	169,000	39,364	226,800
Paul H. Rapisarda	N/A 3/31/09		130,000	169,000	39,052	225,000
William B. Daniels	N/A 3/31/09		138,750	185,000	19,179	110,500
John J. Hulburt	N/A 3/31/09		72,000	90,000	15,187	87,500

(a) Amounts shown represent the range of possible annual cash bonus. In addition Barry Welch, Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda receive an annual fixed bonus under the terms of their executive employment agreements. The amount of the annual fixed bonus is \$400,000 for Barry Welch and \$130,000 for Patrick Welch and for Paul Rapisarda.

(b) The amount shown represents the number of notional units granted for the 2008 performance year that was approved by our board of directors on March 31, 2009.

***Compensation of Barry Welch***

Prior to December 31, 2009, Barry Welch was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Manager. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Welch is now our President and Chief Executive Officer. For the year ended December 31, 2009, Mr. Welch received a base salary of \$535,000, an annual bonus of \$790,000 (\$400,000 of which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us), and in March 2010 a grant of 41,565 notional units under the initial LTIP with an estimated total fair market value of \$535,000 as at the date of grant.

Mr. Welch's base salary was historically established by the Manager, but reviewed by our independent directors as part of the annual approval of the Manager's budget, based on his responsibilities, his execution of our strategic business plan, whether it is appropriate and competitive relative to compensation of similar positions with competitive peer firms and changes to local cost of living. His salary increased by \$10,000 as of January 2009 and is unchanged for 2010.

Starting with the 2009 performance year, Mr. Welch's bonus was determined with one portion equal to the average level that the Manager's portion of his bonus had been paid for the prior two years, that being \$400,000, which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us. The other portion of Mr. Welch's bonus was determined based on the sum of a maximum \$330,000 determined by our 2009 total shareholder return performance relative to our peer group and a maximum \$60,000 based on the independent directors' assessment of his performance against annually approved goals and objectives.

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The 2009 LTIP award to Mr. Welch was based on his contribution to achieving target levels of a cash flow measure that are approved each year by our independent directors, as well as progress in successfully executing our strategic plan and goals and objectives, which are also approved by our independent directors each year. The maximum annual award has been set at 150% of base salary with vesting occurring ratably over the three-year period immediately following the LTIP award. Based on our actual project cash flow compared to the project target cash flow levels, and board of directors' discretion, the LTIP award for the 2009 performance year for all senior officers was set at 100% of their base salary, compared to the prior year's 90% and was granted by our board of directors on March 29, 2010.

***Compensation of Patrick Welch***

Prior to December 31, 2009, Patrick Welch was the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Manager. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Welch is now our Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. For the financial year ended December 31, 2009, Mr. Welch received a base salary of \$259,000, and an annual bonus of \$299,000 (\$130,000 of which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us), and in March 2010 a grant of 20,161 notional units under the LTIP with an estimated total fair market value of \$259,500 as at the date of grant.

Mr. Welch's base salary was historically established by the Manager, but reviewed by our independent directors based on his responsibilities, his role in execution of our strategic business plan and whether it is appropriate and competitive relative to compensation of similar positions with competitive peer firms and changes to local cost of living. Mr. Welch's salary was increased by \$7,500 as of January 2009 and is unchanged for 2010.

Starting with the 2009 performance year, Mr. Welch's bonus was determined with one portion fixed at approximately the average level that the Manager's portion of his bonus had been paid for the prior two years, or \$130,000, which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us. The other portion of Mr. Welch's bonus was determined based on the sum of a maximum \$143,000 determined by our 2009 total shareholder return performance relative to our peer group and a maximum \$26,000 based on the independent directors' assessment of his performance against annually approved goals and objectives.

LTIP awards to Mr. Welch are based on his contribution to achieving target levels of a cash flow measure that are approved each year by our independent directors, as well as progress in successfully executing our strategic plan and goals and objectives, which are also approved by our independent directors each year. Currently, the maximum annual award has been set at 150% of base salary with vesting occurring ratably over the three-year period immediately following the LTIP award. Based on our actual cash flow compared to the project cash flow levels, and the board of directors' discretion, the LTIP award for the 2009 performance year for all senior officers was set at 100% of base salary compared to the prior year's 90% and was granted by our board of directors on March 29, 2010.

***Compensation of Paul Rapisarda***

Prior to December 31, 2009, Paul Rapisarda was the Managing Director, Asset Management and Acquisitions of the Manager. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Rapisarda is now our Managing Director, Asset Management and Acquisitions. For the financial year ended December 31, 2009, Mr. Rapisarda received a base salary of \$257,500, an annual bonus of \$299,000 (\$130,000 of which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us), and a grant of 20,006 notional units under the LTIP with an estimated total fair market value of \$257,500 as at the date of grant.

Mr. Rapisarda's base salary was historically established by the Manager, but reviewed by our independent directors based on his responsibilities, his role in execution of our strategic business plan and whether it is appropriate and competitive relative to compensation of similar positions with

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competitive peer firms and changes to local cost of living. His salary was increased by \$7,500 in 2009 and is unchanged in 2010.

Starting with the 2009 performance year, Mr. Rapisarda's bonus was determined with one portion fixed at approximately the average level that the Manager's portion of his bonus had been paid for the prior two years, or \$130,000, which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us. The other portion of Mr. Rapisarda's bonus was determined based on the sum of a maximum \$143,000 determined by our 2009 total shareholder return performance relative to our peer group and a maximum \$26,000 based on the independent directors' assessment of his performance against annually approved goals and objectives.

LTIP awards to Mr. Rapisarda are based on his contribution to achieving target levels of a cash flow measure that are approved each year by our independent directors, as well as progress in successfully executing our strategic plan and goals and objectives, which are also approved by our independent directors each year. Currently, the maximum annual award has been set at 150% of base salary with vesting occurring over the three-year period immediately following the LTIP award. Based on our actual cash flow compared to the project cash flow levels, and the board of directors' discretion, the LTIP award for the 2009 performance year for all senior officers was set at 100% of base salary versus the prior year's 90% and was granted by our board of directors on March 29, 2010.

***Compensation of William Daniels***

Prior to December 31, 2009, William Daniels was the Senior Director, Asset Management of the Manager. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Daniels is now our Senior Director, Asset Management. For the financial year ended December 31, 2009, Mr. Daniels received a base salary of \$185,000, an annual bonus of \$166,500 (\$136,000 of which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us) and a grant of 10,061 notional units under the LTIP with an estimated total fair market value of \$129,500 as at the date of grant.

Mr. Daniels' base salary was historically established by the Manager, but reviewed by our independent directors based on his responsibilities, his role in execution of our strategic business plan and whether it is appropriate and competitive relative to compensation of similar positions with competitive peer firms and changes to local cost of living. His salary was increased by \$15,000 in 2009 and is unchanged for 2010.

Mr. Daniels' 2009 annual bonus was determined using a percentage of his salary, agreed upon among the Manager, the independent directors and our three senior executives based on his contributions to achievement of our annual goals and objectives approved by our board of directors in January 2009.

LTIP awards to Mr. Daniels are based on his contribution to achieving target levels of a cash flow measure that are approved each year by our independent directors, as well as progress in successfully executing our strategic plan and goals and objectives, which are also approved by our independent directors each year. Vesting of this award occurs ratably over the three-year period immediately following the LTIP award. Based on our actual cash flow compared to the project cash flow levels, and the board of directors' discretion, Mr. Daniels' LTIP award in 2009 was set at 70% of base salary versus the prior year's 65% and was granted by our board of directors on March 29, 2010.

***Compensation of John J. Hulburt***

Prior to December 31, 2009, John Hulburt was the Corporate Controller of the Manager. Beginning in 2010, Mr. Hulburt is now our Corporate Controller. For the financial year ended December 31, 2009, Mr. Hulburt received a base salary of \$180,000, an annual bonus of \$80,000

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(\$40,000 of which was paid by the Manager and not reimbursed by us) and a grant of 8,391 notional units under the LTIP with an estimated total fair market value of \$108,000 as at the date of grant.

Mr. Hulburt's base salary was historically established by the Manager, but reviewed by our independent directors based on his responsibilities, his role in execution of our strategic business plan and whether it is appropriate and competitive relative to compensation of similar positions with competitive peer firms and changes to local cost of living. His salary was increased by \$5,000 in 2009 and \$3,000 beginning in January 2010.

Mr. Hulburt's 2009 annual bonus was determined using a percentage of his salary, agreed upon among the Manager, the independent directors and our three senior executives based on his contributions to achievement of our annual goals and objectives approved by our board of directors in January 2009.

LTIP awards to Mr. Hulburt are based on his contribution to achieving target levels of a cash flow measure that are approved each year by our independent directors, as well as progress in successfully executing our strategic plan and goals and objectives, which are also approved by our independent directors each year. Vesting of this award occurs ratably over the three-year period immediately following the LTIP award. Based on our actual cash flow compared to the project cash flow levels, and the board of directors' discretion, the LTIP award for the 2009 performance year was set at 60% of base salary versus the prior year's 50% and was granted by our board of directors on March 29, 2010.

***Outstanding Share-Based Awards***

The following table sets forth, for each named executive officer, all share-based awards outstanding under the terms of the LTIP as of December 31, 2009:

Name	Share-Based Awards	
	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Market or pay-out value of share-based awards that have not vested (US\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
Barry E. Welch	182,605	1,992,216
Patrick J. Welch	87,650	956,264
Paul H. Rapisarda	52,168	569,156
William B. Daniels	31,277	341,234
John J. Hulburt	16,576	180,839

(1) Notional units granted under the LTIP vest over a three-year period in accordance with the terms of the LTIP, subject to performance-based forfeiture.

(2) This amount includes notional units credited under the LTIP to the Notional Unit Account of the Named Executive Officer at the time of the monthly distributions made on the IPSs during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

Table of Contents**Stock Vested**

The following table sets forth, for each named executive officer, the value of all share-based incentive plan awards vested during the year ended December 31, 2009:

Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (US\$)	Value Realized on Vesting (US\$)
Barry E. Welch	38,055	416,196
Patrick J. Welch	18,266	199,775
Paul H. Rapisarda	2,529	27,665
William B. Daniels		31,936
John J. Hulburt		

**Employment Contracts**

Each of Barry Welch (President and Chief Executive Officer), Patrick Welch (Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary) and Paul Rapisarda (Managing Director, Asset Management and Acquisitions) were employees of the Manager, which managed our business under the management agreement through its termination date of December 31, 2009. In connection with the termination of the management agreement on December 31, 2009, we hired all of the employees of the Manager. As a result, the employment agreements with our senior executives were terminated and were replaced with new employment agreements. To assist in the structuring and negotiation of the employment agreements, our independent directors employed Hugessen Consulting to review and advise on its terms to ensure that the agreements were consistent with best practices in the marketplace. The most significant change in the new employment agreements are the removal of the Manager as a party to the agreements and the assumption by our independent directors of all compensation decisions related to our senior executives. Each of the employment agreements provides the respective officer with the following: (i) an initial annual base salary, which is subject to annual review; (ii) eligibility for a performance-based annual cash bonus; (iii) eligibility to participate in the LTIP; and (iv) certain other customary employee benefits. Under the employment agreements, the annual base salary for 2010 for Barry Welch, Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda is \$535,000, \$259,500 and \$257,500, respectively.

**Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

Each named senior executive officer's employment agreement provides that if the respective officer is terminated without cause, or within 90 days preceding or one year after a change in control or if he resigns within that time period because certain further triggering events have occurred including a constructive dismissal, reduction in salary or benefits, relocation, change in position of employment or reporting relationships, or breach of the employment agreement, then the following are paid or provided under the employment agreement: (i) his salary and bonus pro-rated through the termination date; (ii) a termination payment equal to three times the average (in the case of Barry Welch) or one times the average (in the case of Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda), during the last two years, of the sum of the respective officer's: (a) base salary, (b) annual cash bonus, and (c) the most recent matching contribution to his 401(k) plan; (iii) immediate vesting of all previous awards under the LTIP which had not yet vested; (iv) continuation of all employee benefits for a period of two years (in the case of Barry Welch) or one year (in the case of Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda) following termination; and (v) costs of outplacement services customary for senior executives at the respective officer's level for a period of 12 months following termination with the cost capped at \$25,000. The employment agreements also contain non-competition and non-solicitation limitations on each of the officers following certain termination events. The non-competition restrictions apply for a period of one year or one month (in the case of Barry Welch) or a period of one month or six months (in the case of

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Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda) following termination depending on the circumstances of the termination and the non-solicitation restrictions apply for a period of two years (in the case of Barry Welch) or one year (in the case of Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda) following the date of termination.

In each senior executive officer's employment agreement, the term "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the sale, lease or transfer to any person or group, in one or a series of related transactions, of our assets, directly or indirectly, which assets generated more than 50% of our cash flow in a 12-month period ended on the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter to any person or group; (ii) the adoption of a plan related to our liquidation or dissolution; (iii) the acquisition by any person or group of a direct or indirect interest in more than 50% of our common shares or voting power; (iv) our merger or consolidation with another person with the effect that immediately after such transaction our shareholders immediately prior to such transaction hold, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the voting control over the person surviving such merger or consolidation; or (v) we enter into any agreement providing for any of the foregoing; or the date which is 90 days prior to a definitive announcement of any of the foregoing whichever is earlier, and the transaction contemplated thereby is ultimately consummated.

If Barry Welch, Patrick Welch or Paul Rapisarda is terminated for cause (as defined in each employment agreement), then he will be entitled to all vested benefits under all incentive compensation or other plans in accordance with the terms and conditions of such plan, however he will not be entitled to the payments or benefits listed in items (i) through (v) in the second paragraph above, except as may be required by applicable law.

The following table provides, for each of the foregoing senior executive officers, an estimate of the payments payable by us, assuming a termination for any reason other than cause, including the occurrence of the triggering events described above, took place on December 31, 2009:

Name	Type of Payment	Termination Payment <sup>(1)</sup> (US\$)	2009 Pro-Rata Bonus (US\$)	Vesting of Stock Based Compensation (US\$)	Employee Benefits (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Barry E. Welch	Termination without Cause or in connection with Change of Control	3,463,500	790,000	1,992,216	85,576	6,511,293
Patrick J. Welch	Termination without Cause or in connection with Change of Control	492,250	299,000	956,264	55,288	1,802,802
Paul H. Rapisarda	Termination without Cause or in connection with Change of Control	500,750	299,000	569,156	55,288	1,424,194

(1)

Includes three times the average (in the case of Barry Welch) or one times the average (in the case of Patrick Welch and Paul Rapisarda), during the last two years, of the sum of the respective officer's: (a) base salary, (b) annual Bonus, and (c) the most recent matching contribution to his 401(k) plan.

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Each independent director is entitled to receive an annual retainer of \$40,000 and \$1,500 per meeting attended in person or \$500 per meeting attended by phone. The chair of the board of directors' Audit Committee and Compensation Committee receive an additional \$10,000 per year. Directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for attending meetings. Our directors also participate in the insurance and indemnification arrangements described below.

*Equity Ownership Guideline*

On April 24, 2007, the board of directors adopted an equity ownership guideline for independent directors. The guideline provides that by April 24, 2010 (for existing independent directors) or within three years of their initial election (for new independent directors), each independent director should own equity securities of Atlantic Power (which will include notional shares issued under the deferred share unit plan described below), representing an investment by each independent director of three times their current annual retainer.

*Deferred Share Unit Plan*

On April 24, 2007, our board of directors established a deferred share unit plan ("DSU Plan") for directors. Under the DSU Plan, each non-management director is entitled to elect to have fees paid to them by Atlantic Power for their services as directors contributed to the DSU Plan. All fees contributed to the DSU Plan shall be credited to such director in the form of notional shares representing the estimated fair value, as determined by Atlantic Power, of the common share component of the IPSs at the time of contribution. For so long as the participant continues to serve on the board of directors, dividends will accrue on the notional shares consistent with amounts declared by the board of directors on our common shares and additional notional shares representing the dividends will be credited to the participant's notional share account. Notional shares credited to the participant's notional share account may be redeemed only when a participant no longer serves on the board of directors for any reason or upon a reorganization of Atlantic Power.

The following table describes director compensation for non-management directors for the year ended December 31, 2009. Directors who are also officers of Atlantic Power are not entitled to any compensation for their services as a director.

Name	Fees earned or Paid in Cash (US\$)	Total Compensation (US\$)
Irving R. Gerstein	107,000	107,000
Kenneth M. Hartwick <sup>(1)</sup>	100,500	100,500
John A. McNeil	90,500	90,500
William E. Whitman <sup>(2)</sup>	91,000	91,000

(1) Mr. Hartwick deferred all of his 2009 fees in the DSU Plan.

(2) Mr. Whitman deferred 25% of his 2009 fees in the DSU Plan.

None of the members of the Compensation Committee of our board of directors is an officer or employee of Atlantic Power. No named executive officer of Atlantic Power serves as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee or any entity that has one or more named executive officers serving on our compensation committee.

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**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During 2009, Barry Welch, our President and Chief Executive Officer presented recommendations in connection with deliberations of our board of directors concerning executive officer compensation.

During the last year, none of our executive officers served as: (i) a member of the compensation committee (or other committee of the board of directors performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on our board of directors; (ii) a director of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on our board of directors; or (iii) a member of the compensation committee (or other committee of the board of directors performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on our board of directors.

**ITEM 7. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.**

**Related Party Transactions**

See the information regarding our executive officers' prior employment relationship with the Manager set forth in Item 6 above.

**Director Independence**

In anticipation of the listing of our common shares on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, our board of directors has evaluated the independence of each director within the meaning of the requirements of the NYSE.

Our board of directors has determined that each of Messrs. Gerstein, Hartwick, McNeil and Whitman is an "independent" director under our independence standards and under the NYSE Corporate Governance Rules. These four directors comprise a majority of our five-member board of directors.

**ITEM 8. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

From time to time, Atlantic Power, its subsidiaries and the projects are parties to disputes and litigation that arise in the normal course of business. We assess our exposure to these matters and record estimated loss contingencies when a loss is likely and can be reasonably estimated. There are no matters pending as of March 31, 2010 which are expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**ITEM 9. MARKET PRICE OF AND DIVIDENDS ON THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.**

The IPSs were listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the symbol ATP.UN through November 30, 2009. The following table sets forth the price ranges and



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volume of trading of the outstanding IPSs as reported by the TSX for the quarterly periods from January 2008 through December 2009.

Period	High (Cdn\$)	Low (Cdn\$)	Dividends Declared*
Quarter ended December 31, 2009	11.90	9.08	0.274
Quarter ended September 30, 2009	9.49	8.55	0.274
Quarter ended June 30, 2009	9.45	7.71	0.274
Quarter ended March 31, 2009	9.28	6.34	0.274
Quarter ended December 31, 2008	8.53	4.90	0.268
Quarter ended September 30, 2008	9.30	6.28	0.265
Quarter ended June 30, 2008	10.38	7.37	0.265
Quarter ended March 31, 2008	10.65	9.67	0.265

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Dividends include amounts distributed to holders of our IPSs in respect of both interest on the subordinated notes and dividends on the common shares.

Following the closing of the exchange of IPSs for common shares, our new common shares commenced trading on the TSX on December 1, 2009 under the symbol ATP. On April 6, 2010, the high and low trading prices for our common shares were Cdn\$11.88 and Cdn\$11.58 per share respectively.

#### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

See Item 4. "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" for information related to securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans.

#### ITEM 10. RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.

We completed our initial public offering on the Toronto Stock Exchange in November 2004. At the time of the IPO, our public security was an Income Participating Security ("IPS"). Each IPS was comprised of one common share and Cdn\$5.767 principal value of 11% subordinated notes due 2016. In the fourth quarter of 2009, we converted to a traditional common share company through a shareholder approved plan of arrangement. Under the old IPS structure, we paid a monthly cash distribution to IPS holders that consisted of a dividend on the common share portion of the IPS and interest on the subordinated note portion of the IPS. After the common share conversion, we are continuing to pay cash distributions to our shareholders. The cash distributions are now in the form of a common share dividend and amount to Cdn\$1.094 per year, the same rate paid to IPS holders before the common share conversion.

We used the proceeds from our IPO to acquire a 58% interest in Atlantic Power Holdings, Inc. (or "Atlantic Holdings") from two private equity funds managed by ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC and from Caithness. Until December 31, 2009, we were externally managed by Atlantic Power Management, LLC, an affiliate of ArcLight.

In October 2005, we issued 7,500,000 IPSs to a Canadian pension fund and 39,500 IPSs to Barry Welch, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and to our then-current managing director pursuant to a private placement. Net proceeds of the private placement were used to increase our interest in Atlantic Holdings to 70%.

In October 2006, we completed a follow-on public offering in Canada of IPSs and convertible debentures for gross proceeds of Cdn\$150 million. The offering consisted of 8,531,000 IPSs sold at a price of Cdn\$10.55 per IPS for gross proceeds of Cdn\$90 million and Cdn\$60 million aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible subordinated debentures. The net proceeds of the offering were

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used to partially repay \$37 million of the credit facility arranged in connection with our acquisition of an interest in the Path 15 project and to increase our ownership in Atlantic Holdings from 70% to approximately 86%.

In December 2006, we completed a private placement of 8,600,000 IPSs and Cdn\$3.0 million principal amount of separate subordinated notes to three institutional investors. In February 2007, we used the net proceeds of the private placement to increase our ownership in Atlantic Holdings to 100%, whereupon Atlantic Holdings became our wholly-owned subsidiary.

Since January 1, 2007, we have issued 87,701 IPSs to three employees pursuant to our LTIP, as described in Item 6 above. These issuances were exempt from registration either pursuant to Rule 701, as a transaction pursuant to a compensatory benefit plan, or pursuant to Section 4(2), as a transaction by an issuer not involving a public offering.

On November 27, 2009, we completed the conversion of all of our IPSs to common shares. The exchange of IPSs for common shares was exempt from registration pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In December 2009, we sold an aggregate of \$86.25 million of our 6.25% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures due March 15, 2017 to the public through a group of underwriters led by BMO Capital Markets. The debentures were not offered or sold to persons in the United States. The debentures are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ATP.DB.A.

## **ITEM 11. DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON SHARES**

The following summary description sets forth some of the general terms and provisions of our common shares. Because this is a summary description, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more detailed description of our common shares, you should refer to the provisions of our Articles of Continuance, which we refer to as our "Articles."

### **Common Shares**

Our Articles authorize an unlimited number of common shares. At the close of business on March 31, 2010, 60,404,092 of our common shares were issued and outstanding.

We have applied to have our common shares listed on the NYSE under the symbol [ " ]. Holders of our common shares are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by our board of directors and are entitled to one vote per common share on all matters to be voted on at meetings of shareholders. We are limited in our ability to pay dividends on our common shares by restrictions under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), which we refer to as the "BC Act," relating to our solvency before and after the payment of a dividend. Holders of our common shares have no preemptive, conversion or redemption rights and are not subject to further assessment by us.

Upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common shares are entitled to share ratably in the remaining assets available for distribution, after payment of liabilities.

Holders of our common shares will have one vote for each common share held at meetings of our common shareholders.

Pursuant to our Articles and the provisions of the BC Act, certain actions that may be proposed by us require the approval of our shareholders. We may, by special resolution and subject to our Articles, increase our authorized capital by such means as creating shares with or without par value or increasing the number of shares with or without par value. We may, by special resolution, alter our Articles to subdivide, consolidate, change from shares with par value to shares without par value or from shares without par value to shares with par value or change the designation of all or any of our shares. We

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may also, by special resolution, alter our Articles to create, define, attach, vary, or abrogate special rights or restrictions to any shares. Under the BC Act and our Articles, a special resolution is a resolution passed at a duly-convened meeting of shareholders by two-thirds of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the meeting, or a written resolution consented to by all shareholders who would have been entitled to vote at the meeting of shareholders.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions**

We are governed by the BC Act. Our Articles contain provisions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or discouraging another party from acquiring control of our company by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise.

*Advance Notice Procedures*

Our Articles establish an advance notice procedure for "special business" and shareholder proposals to be brought before a meeting of shareholders. For special business, advance notice describing the special business to be discussed at the meeting must be provided and that notice must include any documents to be approved or ratified as an addendum or state that such document will be available for inspection at our records office or other reasonably accessible location. Shareholders at an annual meeting may not consider proposals or nominations that are not specified in the notice of meeting or brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the board of directors or by a shareholder of record on the record date for the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting.

*Advance Notice Procedures*

Under the BC Act, shareholders may make proposal for matters to be considered at the annual general meeting of shareholders. Such proposals must be sent to us in advance of any proposed meeting by delivering a timely written notice in proper form to our registered office. The notice must include information on the business the shareholder intends to bring before the meeting. These provisions could have the effect of delaying until the next shareholder meeting shareholder actions that are favored by the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

*Shareholder Requisitioned Meeting*

Under the BC Act, shareholders holding 1/20 of our outstanding common shares may request the directors to call a general meeting of shareholders to deal with matters that may be dealt with at a general meeting, including election of directors. If the directors do not call the meeting within the timeframes specified in the Act, the shareholder can call the meeting and we must reimburse the costs.

*Removal of Directors and Increasing Board Size*

Under our Articles, directors may be removed by shareholders by passing an ordinary resolution of a simple majority of shareholders with the right to vote on such resolution. Further, under our Articles, the directors may appoint additional directors up to one-third of the directors elected by the shareholders.

**Canadian Securities Laws**

We are a reporting issuer in Canada and therefore subject to the securities laws in each province in which we are reporting. Canadian securities laws require reporting of share purchases and sales by shareholders holding more than 10% of our common shares, including certain prescribed public disclosure of their intentions for their holdings. Canadian securities laws also govern how any offer to acquire our equity or voting shares must be conducted.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Computershare Investor Services Inc. serves as our transfer agent and registrar for our common shares.

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**CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following general summary describes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations for U.S. Holders (as defined below) of our common shares. This summary does not address all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to certain types of U.S. Holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, such as:

persons who do not hold common shares as capital assets;

dealers in securities or currencies;

financial institutions;

regulated investment companies;

real estate investment trusts;

tax-exempt entities (including private foundations);

qualified retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, and other tax-deferred accounts;

insurance companies;

persons holding common shares as a part of a hedging, integrated, conversion or constructive sale transaction or a straddle;

persons that own, directly, indirectly or as a result of certain constructive ownership rules, common shares representing 10% or more of the voting power in Atlantic Power;

traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting;

persons liable for alternative minimum tax;

U.S. Holders whose "functional currency" is not the U.S. dollar; or

U.S. tax expatriates, expatriates and certain former citizens and long-term residents of the United States.

This summary is based upon the provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended, the "Code"), the United States Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and administrative and judicial interpretations of the Code and the Treasury Regulations, all as currently in effect, and all subject to differing interpretations or change, possibly on a retroactive basis. This summary does not address any estate, gift, state, local, non-U.S. or other tax consequences, except as specifically provided herein.

For purposes of this summary, a "U.S. Holder" means a person that holds common shares that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

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an individual who is a citizen or resident of the U.S. (as determined under U.S. federal income tax rules);

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof;

an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if it (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or

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(ii) has in effect a valid election under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If a partnership or an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds common shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships or a partner in a partnership holding common shares should consult their own tax advisor regarding the consequences of the ownership and disposition of common shares by the partnership.

**The following summary is of a general nature only and is not a substitute for careful tax planning and advice. U.S. Holders of common shares are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the issues discussed herein, in light of their particular circumstances, as well as any considerations arising under the laws of any foreign, state, local or other taxing jurisdiction.**

*Anti-Deferral Provisions Not Expected to Apply*

We are not expected to be (and the remainder of this summary assumes that we are not) a controlled foreign corporation ("CFC") or a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If we are or become a CFC or PFIC, the consequences summarized herein could be materially and adversely different. If we were to form or acquire non-U.S. subsidiaries that are treated as corporations for U.S. tax purposes, such subsidiaries could potentially be PFICs. If we owned a subsidiary that is a PFIC, then taxable U.S. Holders could be adversely affected.

*Taxation of Common Shares*

The gross amount (i.e., before Canadian withholding tax) of distributions to a U.S. Holder on our common shares (other than distributions in liquidation or in redemption of stock that are treated as exchanges) will be treated as a dividend, to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). Such dividend will be includible in a U.S. Holder's gross income on the day paid. Distributions to a U.S. Holder in excess of earnings and profits will be treated first as a return of capital that reduces a U.S. Holder's tax basis in such common shares (thereby increasing the amount of gain or decreasing the amount of loss that a U.S. Holder would recognize on a subsequent disposition of our common shares), and then as gain from the sale or exchange of such common shares.

Non-corporate U.S. Holders will generally be eligible for the preferential U.S. federal rate on qualified dividend income, currently taxed at 15% for tax years beginning on or before December 31, 2010, provided that we are a "qualified foreign corporation," the stock on which the dividend is paid is held for a minimum holding period, and other requirements are satisfied. In the absence of intervening legislation, dividends received by a U.S. Holder after 2010 will be taxed to such Holder at ordinary income rates.

A qualified foreign corporation includes a foreign corporation that is not a PFIC within the meaning of Section 1297 of the Code and that is eligible for the benefits of an income tax treaty with the United States, if such treaty contains an exchange of information provision and the United States Treasury Department has determined that the treaty is satisfactory for purposes of the legislation. Based on current law and applicable administrative guidance, our dividends should be eligible for treatment as qualified dividend income, provided the holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

Distributions to U.S. Holders generally will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to U.S. corporations in respect of dividends received from other U.S. corporations.

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A U.S. Holder will be taxed on the U.S. dollar value of any Canadian dollars received as dividends, generally determined at the spot rate as of the date the payment is actually or constructively received. No currency exchange gain or loss will be recognized by a U.S. Holder on such dividend payments if the Canadian dollars are converted into U.S. dollars on the date received at that spot rate. Any gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposition of Canadian dollars generally will be treated as U.S.-source ordinary income or loss.

Upon the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of a common share, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange or other disposition and such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the common share. The amount realized on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of the common shares will be the U.S. dollar value of the Canadian dollars received in the transaction. This value is determined for cash basis taxpayers on the settlement date for the transaction and for accrual basis taxpayers on the trade date (although accrual basis taxpayers can also elect the settlement date). Any gain or loss will generally be capital gain or loss and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares transferred exceeds one year on the date of the sale or disposition. Long-term capital gains of individuals, trusts or estates derived with respect to the disposition of common shares are generally eligible for the current preferential U.S. federal rate of 15% (set to increase to 20% in 2011). The deductibility of capital losses is subject to several limitations. Any gain or loss realized on a subsequent conversion or other disposition of Canadian dollars will be ordinary gain or loss.

*Disclosure of Reportable Transactions*

If a U.S. Holder sells or disposes of the common shares at a loss or otherwise incurs certain losses that meet certain thresholds, such U.S. Holder may be required to file a disclosure statement with the IRS. For U.S. Holders that are individuals or trusts, there is a special reporting requirement threshold for foreign currency losses, which is US\$50,000. Failure to comply with these and other reporting requirements could result in the imposition of significant penalties.

*Foreign Tax Credit Limitations*

U.S. Holders may be subject to Canadian withholding tax on payments made with respect to the common shares. Subject to certain conditions and limitations, such withholding taxes may be treated as foreign taxes eligible for credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. Such credit may not be available to U.S. holders owning the common shares in a non-taxable account.

It is possible that we are, or at some future time will be, at least 50% owned by U.S. persons. Dividends paid by a foreign corporation that is at least 50% owned by U.S. persons may be treated as U.S.-source income (rather than foreign-source income) for foreign tax credit purposes to the extent the foreign corporation has more than an insignificant amount of U.S.-source income. The effect of this rule may be to treat a portion of any dividends we pay as U.S.-source income. Treatment of the dividends as U.S.-source income in whole or in part may limit a U.S. Holder's ability to claim a foreign tax credit for the Canadian withholding taxes payable in respect of the dividends. Subject to certain limitations, the Code permits a U.S. Holder entitled to benefits under the U.S.-Canadian income tax treaty to elect to treat any Company dividends as foreign-source income for foreign tax credit purposes. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors about the desirability of making, and the method of making, such an election.

The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of foreign tax credits in their particular circumstances, including the possible adverse impact on creditability of any entitlement to a refund of Canadian tax withheld or to a reduced rate of withholding pursuant to the U.S.-Canadian income tax treaty.

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*Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments with respect to common shares paid to a U.S. Holder other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations). Backup withholding will apply to such payments if such U.S. Holder fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of other exempt status or fails to comply with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against such U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished by such U.S. Holder to the IRS. A U.S. Holder who does not provide a correct taxpayer identification number may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS.

**CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following is a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to holders of our common shares who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and the Canada-United States Income Tax Convention (1980, as amended) (the "U.S. Treaty") (i) are entitled to benefits under the U.S. Treaty, are resident in the United States and are neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Canada, (ii) deal at arm's length with, and are not affiliated with, us, (iii) hold their common shares as capital property, (iv) do not use or hold, and are not deemed to use or hold their common shares in connection with carrying on business in Canada, and (v) do not hold or use common shares in connection with a permanent establishment or fixed base in Canada (each, a "U.S. Resident Holder"). Special rules, which are not discussed in this summary, may apply to a U.S. Resident Holder that is an insurer that carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere.

Limited liability companies ("LLCs") that are not taxed as corporations pursuant to the provisions of the Code do not qualify as resident in the U.S. for purposes of the U.S. Treaty. Under the U.S. Treaty, a resident of the United States who is a member of such an LLC and is otherwise eligible for benefits under the U.S. Treaty may generally be entitled to claim benefits under the U.S. Treaty in respect of income, profits or gains derived through the LLC.

The U.S. Treaty includes limitation on benefits rules that restrict the ability of certain persons who are resident in the United States to claim any or all benefits under the U.S. Treaty. U.S. Resident Holders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their eligibility for benefits under the U.S. Treaty, having regard to these rules.

This summary is based on the current provisions of the U.S. Treaty and the Tax Act, the regulations thereunder and counsel's understanding of the current published administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA") made publicly available prior to the date hereof. This summary also takes into account all specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and the regulations publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof, including for the avoidance of doubt, proposals contained in the Canadian Federal Budget delivered in the House of Commons on March 4, 2010 (the "Tax Proposals"), and assumes that all such Tax Proposals will be enacted in the form proposed. There is no assurance that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in their current form, or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in the law, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action, or in CRA's administrative policies or assessing practices.

This summary is of a general nature only and does not take into account or consider the tax laws of any province or territory or of any jurisdiction outside Canada, which might materially differ from the federal considerations. This summary is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular U.S. Resident Holder, and no representations concerning the tax consequences to any particular U.S. Resident Holder are made. U.S. Resident Holders should consult



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their own tax advisers regarding the income tax considerations applicable to them having regard for their particular circumstances.

*Disposition of Common Shares*

A U.S. Resident Holder will not be subject to tax under the Tax Act in respect of any capital gain (or entitled to deduct any capital loss) realized on a disposition of common shares unless the property disposed of constitutes "taxable Canadian property" (as defined in the Tax Act) of the U.S. Resident Holder at the time of disposition and the U.S. Resident Holder is not entitled to relief under the U.S. Treaty or other applicable tax treaty or convention. So long as the common shares are listed on a designated stock exchange (which currently includes the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange), the common shares will generally not constitute taxable Canadian property of a U.S. Resident Holder unless at any particular time during the five-year period immediately preceding their disposition, (i) the U.S. Resident Holder, together with persons with whom the U.S. Resident Holder does not deal at arm's length, owned not less than 25% of the issued shares of any class or series of shares of our capital stock, and (ii) more than 50% of the fair market value of the common shares was derived directly or indirectly from one or any combination of (A) real or immoveable property situated in Canada, (B) Canadian resource properties (as defined in the Tax Act), (C) timber resource properties (as defined in the Tax Act), or (D) options in respect of, or interests in, or for civil law rights in, property described in any of (A) through (C) above, whether or not such property exists.

If the common shares are considered taxable Canadian property to a U.S. Resident Holder, the U.S. Treaty (or other applicable tax treaty or convention) may exempt that U.S. Resident Holder from tax under the Tax Act in respect of the disposition thereof, provided the value of such common shares is not derived principally from real property situated in Canada (as may be defined in the applicable tax treaty or convention).

U.S. Resident Holders whose common shares are taxable Canadian property should consult with their own tax advisors for advice having regard to their particular circumstances.

*Dividends*

Dividends on common shares paid or credited, or deemed to be paid or credited, to a U.S. Resident Holder will be subject to a non-resident withholding tax under the Tax Act at a rate of 25%, subject to reduction under the provisions of an applicable tax treaty or convention. Pursuant to the U.S. Treaty, the rate of withholding tax on dividends paid or credited to a U.S. Resident Holder that is the beneficial owner of such dividends generally is reduced to 15% or, if the U.S. Resident Holder is a corporation that owns at least 10% of our voting stock, to 5%.

The U.S. Treaty generally exempts from Canadian withholding tax dividends paid or credited to a religious, scientific, literary, educational or charitable organization or to an organization constituted and operated exclusively to administer a pension, retirement or employee benefit fund or plan, if the organization is a resident of the United States and is exempt from income tax under the laws of the United States.

**ITEM 12. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.**

Under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), which we refer to as the "BC Act," we may indemnify a present or former director or officer or a person who acts or acted at our request as a director or officer of another corporation or one of our affiliates, and his or her heirs and personal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including legal and other fees and amounts paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, actually and reasonably incurred by him including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment in respect of any legal proceeding or investigative action to which he or she is made a party by reason of his or her position and provided that the director or

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officer acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of Atlantic Power Corporation or such other corporation, and, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding, had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful. Other forms of indemnification may be made with court approval.

In accordance with our Articles, we shall indemnify every director or former director, or may, subject to the BC Act, indemnify any other person. We have entered into indemnity agreements with our directors and executive officers, whereby we have agreed to indemnify the directors and officers to the extent permitted by our Articles and the BC Act.

Our Articles permit us, subject to the limitations contained in the BC Act, to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person, as the board of directors may from time to time determine. Our directors and officers liability insurance coverage consists of three policies with aggregate limits of \$30 million.

The foregoing summaries are necessarily subject to the complete text of the statute, our Articles, and the arrangements referred to above are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

**ITEM 13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.**

Our consolidated financial statements are appended to the end of this registration statement, beginning on page F-1.

**ITEM 14. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.**

During the last two fiscal years and through the date of this filing, we have not had a change in our independent registered public accounting firm and have not had any disagreements with our public accounting firm on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure. As a result of our becoming a U.S. domestic registrant, we intend to change our public accounting firm to a U.S. firm.

**ITEM 15. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(a) *Financial Statements.* Our consolidated financial statements are appended to the end of this registration statement, beginning on page F-1.

(b) *Exhibits.* The following documents are filed as exhibits hereto:

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	Plan of Arrangement of Atlantic Power Corporation, dated as of November 24, 2005
3.1	Articles of Continuance of Atlantic Power Corporation, dated as of November 24, 2009
3.2	Certificate of Incorporation of Atlantic Power Corporation, dated June 18, 2004
4.1	Form of common share certificate
4.2	Trust Indenture, dated as of October 11, 2006 between Atlantic Power Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada
4.3	First Supplemental Indenture to the Trust Indenture Providing for the Issue of Convertible Secured Debentures, dated November 27, 2009, between Atlantic Power Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.4	Trust Indenture Providing for the Issue of Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures, dated as of December 17, 2009, between Atlantic Power Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada
10.1	Credit Agreement dated as of November 18, 2004 among Atlantic Power Holdings, Inc. as Borrower, Bank of Montreal as Administrative Agent, LC issuer and collateral agent and the Other Lenders party thereto, and Harris Nesbitt Corp. as arranger
10.2	Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2009 between Atlantic Power Corporation and Barry Welch
10.3	Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2009 between Atlantic Power Corporation and Patrick Welch
10.4	Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2009 between Atlantic Power Corporation and Paul Rapisarda
10.5	Deferred Share Unit Plan, dated as of April 24, 2007 of Atlantic Power Corporation
10.6	Second Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan
21.1	Subsidiaries of Atlantic Power Corporation

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 12, 2010

Atlantic Power Corporation

By: /s/ PATRICK J. WELCH

Name: Patrick J. Welch  
Title: *Chief Financial Officer*

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Atlantic Power Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Atlantic Power Corporation as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited financial statement schedule "Schedule II. Valuation and Qualifying Accounts." These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, on January 1, 2009, Atlantic Power Corporation adopted FASB's ASC 805 Business Combinations. On January 1, 2008, Atlantic Power Corporation changed its method of accounting for fair value measurements in accordance with FASB ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements. On January 1, 2007, Atlantic Power Corporation changed its method of accounting for income tax uncertainties in accordance with guidance provided in FASB ASC 740 Income Taxes.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Atlantic Power Corporation as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Canada  
April 12, 2010

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(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,850	\$ 37,327
Restricted cash	14,859	15,434
Accounts receivable	17,480	28,000
Current portion of derivative instruments asset (Notes 12 and 13)	5,619	
Prepayments, supplies and other	3,019	3,349
Deferred income taxes (Note 14)	17,887	11,121
Refundable income taxes (Note 14)	10,552	997
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>119,266</b>	<b>96,228</b>
Property, plant and equipment (Note 5)	193,822	204,171
Transmission system rights (Note 6)	195,984	203,833
Equity investments in affiliates (Note 4)	259,230	287,775
Other intangible assets (Note 6)	71,770	93,644
Goodwill (Note 2)	8,918	8,918
Derivative instruments asset (Notes 12 and 13)	14,289	224
Other assets	6,297	13,202
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 869,576</b>	<b>\$ 907,995</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 21,661	\$ 19,342
Current portion of long-term (Note 9)	18,280	12,008
Revolving credit facility (Note 8)		55,000
Current portion of derivative instruments liability (Notes 12 and 13)	6,512	6,206
Interest payable on subordinated notes and debentures	800	3,455
Dividends payable	5,242	1,918
Other current liabilities	752	3,941
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 53,247</b>	<b>\$ 101,870</b>
Long-term debt (Note 9)	224,081	243,097
Subordinated notes (Note 10)		319,984
Convertible debentures (Note 11)	139,153	49,261
Derivative instruments liability (Notes 12 and 13)	5,513	14,211
Deferred income taxes (Note 14)	28,619	26,779
Other non-current liabilities	4,846	1,167
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>		
Common shares, No par value, unlimited authorized shares; 60,404,093 and 60,940,731 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	541,917	215,163
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(859)	(3,136)
Retained deficit	(126,941)	(60,401)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>414,117</b>	<b>151,626</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 20)		
Subsequent events (Note 21)		
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 869,576</b>	<b>\$ 907,995</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.





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	Years ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Project revenue:</b>			
Energy sales	\$ 58,953	\$ 64,237	\$ 42,799
Energy capacity revenue	88,449	77,691	35,625
Transmission services	31,000	31,528	34,524
Other	1,115	356	309
	179,517	173,812	113,257
<b>Project expenses:</b>			
Fuel	59,522	55,366	18,537
Operations and maintenance	24,038	17,711	10,718
Project operator fees and expenses	4,115	3,727	1,854
Depreciation and amortization	41,374	29,528	19,725
	129,049	106,332	50,834
<b>Project other income (expense):</b>			
Change in fair value of derivative instruments (Note 12 and 13)	(6,813)	(16,026)	(22,264)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates (Note 4)	8,514	1,895	44,368
Gain (loss) on sales of equity investments, net (Note 3)	13,780		(5,115)
Interest, net	(18,800)	(17,709)	(13,216)
Other project expense	1,266	5,366	3,922
	(2,053)	(26,474)	7,695
Project income	48,415	41,006	70,118
<b>Administrative and other expenses (income):</b>			
Management fees and administration	26,028	10,012	8,185
Interest, net	55,698	43,275	44,307
Foreign exchange loss (gain) (Note 13)	20,506	(47,247)	30,142
Other expense, net	362	425	975
	102,594	6,465	83,609
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes	(54,179)	34,541	(13,491)
Income tax expense (benefit) (Note 14)	(15,693)	(13,560)	17,105
Net income (loss)	\$ (38,486)	\$ 48,101	\$ (30,596)
Net income (loss) per share basic (Note 17)	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.50)
Net income (loss) per share diluted (Note 17)	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.73	\$ (0.50)

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(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Common Stock (Shares)	Common Stock (Amount)	Retained Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Shareholders' Equity
December 31, 2006	61,470	\$ 216,636	\$ (53,571)	\$	\$ 163,065
Dividends declared			(24,665)		(24,665)
Comprehensive Income:					
Net loss			(30,596)		(30,596)
Net comprehensive income					(30,596)
December 31, 2007	61,470	216,636	(108,832)		107,804
Common shares issued for LTIP	30	127			127
Common stock repurchases	(559)	(1,600)			(1,600)
Adoption of accounting standard					
Fair Value Measurement			25,179		25,179
Dividends declared			(24,849)		(24,849)
Comprehensive loss:					
Net income			48,101		48,101
Unrealized losses on hedging Activities, net of tax of \$2,091				(3,136)	(3,136)
Net comprehensive income					44,965
December 31, 2008	60,941	215,163	(60,401)	(3,136)	151,626
Subordinated notes conversion	(114)	327,691			327,691
Common shares issued for LTIP	59	151			151
Common stock repurchases	(482)	(1,088)			(1,088)
Dividends declared			(28,054)		(28,054)
Comprehensive Income:					
Net loss			(38,486)		(38,486)
Unrealized gains on hedging Activities, net of tax of (\$1,518)				2,277	2,277
Net comprehensive loss					(36,209)
December 31, 2009	60,404	\$ 541,917	\$ (126,941)	\$ (859)	\$ 414,117

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	Years ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (38,486)	\$ 48,101	\$ (30,596)
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	41,374	29,528	19,725
Impairment of equity investment (Note 3)	5,500		
Common share conversion costs recorded in interest expense	4,508		
Subordinated note redemption premium recorded in interest expense (Note 10)	1,935		
Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment	933	(5,163)	8,627
Distributions and equity in earnings from unconsolidated affiliates	13,671	39,136	2,285
(Gain) loss on sales of equity investments, net (Note 3)	(13,780)		5,115
Change in gas transportation contract liability (Note 7)			(13,019)
Gain on extinguishment of gas transportation contract (Note 7)			(10,554)
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss (Note 13)	24,370	(39,203)	37,716
Change in fair value of subordinated note prepayment option	106	27	
Change in fair value of derivative instruments (Note 13)	6,813	16,026	22,264
Change in deferred income taxes (Note 14)	(6,436)	(14,009)	12,289
Change in other operating balances, net of acquisitions and disposition effects:			
Restricted cash	575	6,335	11,386
Accounts receivable	10,520	216	2,523
Prepayments, refundable income taxes and other assets	(3,454)	12,229	6,222
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,959	(20)	1,166
Other liabilities	(84)	(9,080)	(5,675)
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>51,024</b>	<b>84,123</b>	<b>69,474</b>
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities:			
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired (Note 3)	(3,068)	(141,688)	(23,213)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	167	7,889	3,073
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(2,016)	(1,102)	(15,695)
Proceeds from sale of equity investments (Note 3)	29,300		6,195
<b>Cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>24,383</b>	<b>(134,901)</b>	<b>(29,640)</b>
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities:			
Redemption of IPSs	(3,369)	(1,612)	
Redemption of subordinated notes (Note 10)	(40,638)	(3,064)	
Costs associated with common share conversion	(4,508)		
Dividends paid	(24,955)	(24,612)	(24,342)
Proceeds from convertible debentures, net of offering costs	78,330		
Proceeds from issuance of project level debt		35,000	48,056
Repayment of project-level debt	(12,744)	(22,275)	(71,117)
Repayment of revolving credit facility borrowings (Note 8)	(55,000)		(31,000)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility borrowings		55,000	31,000
Purchases of auction rate securities (Note 12)		(75,518)	(120,153)
Sales of auction rate securities (Note 12)		75,518	120,153
Proceeds from escrow used for redemption of non-controlling interest			74,433
Repayment of obligation to non-controlling interest			(76,888)
<b>Cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(62,884)</b>	<b>38,437</b>	<b>(49,858)</b>

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Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	12,523	(12,341)	(10,024)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	37,327	49,668	59,692

Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 49,850	\$ 37,327	\$ 49,668
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Supplemental cash flow information:

Interest paid	\$ 69,186	\$ 72,129	\$ 62,366
Income taxes (paid) refunded	\$ (216)	\$ 2,418	\$ (10,483)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Nature of business**

Atlantic Power Corporation ("Atlantic Power") is a corporation established under the laws of the Province of Ontario on June 18, 2004 and continued to the Province of British Columbia on July 8, 2005. We issued income participating securities ("IPSs") for cash pursuant to an initial public offering on November 18, 2004. Each IPS was comprised of one common share and Cdn\$5.767 principal value of 11% subordinated notes due 2016. On November 27, 2009 the shareholders approved a conversion from the IPS structure to a traditional common share structure. Each IPS has been exchanged for one new common share and each old common share that did not form a part of an IPS was exchanged for approximately 0.44 of a new common share. See Notes 10 and 15 for additional information.

We currently own, through our wholly-owned subsidiaries Atlantic Power Transmission, Inc. and Atlantic Power Generation, Inc. indirect interests in 12 power generation projects and one transmission line located in the United States. Four of our Projects are wholly-owned subsidiaries: Lake Cogen Ltd., Pasco Cogen, Ltd., Auburndale Power Partners, L.P. and Atlantic Path 15, LLC.

Our registered office is located at 355 Burrard Street, Suite 1900, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2G8 and our headquarters is located at 200 Clarendon Street, Floor 25, Boston, Massachusetts, USA 02116. The telephone number is (617) 977-2400. The address of our website is *atlanticpower.com*. Our recent Canadian securities filings are available through our website.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

(a) Basis of consolidation and accounting:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include the consolidated accounts and operations of our subsidiaries in which we have a controlling interest. The usual condition for a controlling financial interest is ownership of the majority of the voting interest of an entity. However, a controlling financial interest may also exist in entities, such as a variable interest entity, through arrangements that do not involve controlling voting interests.

As such, we apply the standard that requires consolidation of variable interest entities, or VIEs, for which we are the primary beneficiary. The guidance requires a variable interest holder to consolidate a VIE if that party will absorb a majority of the expected losses of the VIE, receive the majority of the expected residual returns of the VIE, or both. We have determined that our investments are not VIEs by evaluating their design and capital structure. Accordingly, we record all of our investments in less than 100% owned entities under the equity method of accounting. See Note 4, for further information.

We eliminate all intercompany accounts and transactions in consolidation.

These financial statements and notes reflect our evaluation of events occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date through April 12, 2010, the date the financial statements were issued.

(b) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. During the periods presented, we have made a number of estimates and valuation assumptions, including the fair values of acquired assets, the useful lives and recoverability of property, plant and equipment and power purchase agreements, the recoverability of

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

equity investments, the recoverability of deferred tax assets, tax provisions, and the fair value of financial instruments and derivatives. In addition, estimates are used to test long-lived assets and goodwill for impairment and to determine the fair value of impaired assets. These estimates and valuation assumptions are based on present conditions and our planned course of action, as well as assumptions about future business and economic conditions. As better information becomes available or actual amounts are determinable, the recorded estimates are revised. Should the underlying valuation assumptions and estimates change, the recorded amounts could change by a material amount.

(c) Regulatory accounting:

Path 15 accounts for certain income and expense items in accordance with a standard where certain costs are deferred, which would otherwise be charged to expense, as regulatory assets based on Path 15's ability to recover these costs in future rates.

(d) Revenue:

We recognize energy sales revenue on a gross basis when electricity and steam are delivered under the terms of the related contracts. Revenue associated with capacity payments under the PPAs are recognized as the lesser of (1) the amount billable under the PPA or (2) an amount determined by the kilowatt hours made available during the period multiplied by the estimated average revenue per kilowatt hour over the term of the PPA.

Transmission services revenue is recognized as transmission services are provided. The annual revenue requirement for transmission services is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and is established through a rate-making process that occurs every three years. When actual cash receipts from transmission services revenue are different than the regulated revenue requirement because of timing differences, the over or under collections are deferred until the timing differences reverse in future periods.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash deposited at banks and highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased.

(f) Restricted cash:

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents that are maintained by the Projects to support payments for major maintenance costs and meet project-level contractual debt obligations.

(g) Use of fair value:

We utilize a fair value hierarchy that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and is applicable to fair value measurements of derivative contracts and other instruments that are subject to mark-to-market accounting. Refer to Note 12, for more information.

(h) Derivative financial instruments:

We use derivative financial instruments in the form of interest rate swaps, indexed swap hedges and foreign exchange forward contracts to manage our current and anticipated exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. On occasion, we have also entered into natural

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gas supply contracts and natural gas forwards or swaps to minimize the effects of the price volatility of natural gas which is a major production cost. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes; however, not all derivatives qualify for hedge accounting.

Derivative financial instruments not designated as a hedge are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of operations.

The following table summarizes derivative financial instruments that are not designated as hedges and the accounting treatment in the consolidated statements of operations of the changes in fair value of such derivative financial instrument:

<b>Derivative financial instrument</b>	<b>Location of changes in fair value</b>
Foreign currency forward contracts	Foreign exchange loss (gain)
Lake natural gas swaps	Change in fair value of derivative instruments
Auburndale natural gas swaps	Change in fair value of derivative instruments
Interest rate swap	Change in fair value of derivative instruments
Onondaga Indexed swap and indexed swap hedges	Change in fair value of derivative instruments

Certain derivative instruments qualify for a scope exception to fair value accounting, as they are considered normal purchases or normal sales. The availability of this exception is based upon the assumption that we have the ability and it is probable to deliver or take delivery of the underlying physical commodity. Derivatives that are considered to be normal purchases and normal sales are exempt from derivative accounting treatment and are recorded as executory contracts.

We have designated one of our interest rate swaps as a hedge of cash flows for accounting purposes. Tests are performed to evaluate hedge effectiveness and ineffectiveness at inception and on an ongoing basis, both retroactively and prospectively. Unrealized gains or losses on the interest rate swap designated within a designated hedging relationship are deferred and recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income until the hedged transactions occur and are recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of the cash flow hedge, if any, is immediately recognized in earnings.

**(i) Property, plant and equipment:**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the related asset. As major maintenance occurs, and as parts are replaced on the plant's combustion and steam turbines, these maintenance costs are either expensed or transferred to property, plant and equipment if the maintenance extends the useful lives of the major parts. These costs are depreciated over the parts' estimated useful lives, which is generally three to six years, depending on the nature of maintenance activity performed.

**(j) Transmission system rights:**

Transmission system rights are an intangible asset that represents the long-term right to approximately 72% of the capacity of the Path 15 transmission line in California. Transmission system rights are amortized on a straight-line basis over 30 years, the regulatory life of Path 15.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

(k) Asset retirement obligations:

The fair value for an asset retirement obligation is recorded in the period in which it is incurred. Retirement obligations associated with long-lived assets are those for which a legal obligation exists under enacted laws, statutes, and written or oral contracts, including obligations arising under the doctrine of promissory estoppel, and for which the timing and/or method of settlement may be conditional on a future event. When the liability is initially recorded, we capitalize the cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the liability, an entity either settles the obligation for its recorded amount or incurs a gain or loss.

(l) Impairment of long-lived assets, non-amortizing intangible assets and equity method investments:

Long-lived assets, such as property, plant and equipment, transmission system rights and other intangible assets subject to depreciation and amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value.

Investments in and the operating results of 50%-or-less owned entities not required to be consolidated are included in the consolidated financial statements on the basis of the equity method of accounting. We review our investments in such unconsolidated entities for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the investments may not be fully recoverable. Evidence of a loss in value that is other than temporary might include the absence of an ability to recover the carrying amount of the investment, the inability of the investee to sustain an earnings capacity which would justify the carrying amount of the investment, failure of cash flow coverage ratio tests included in project-level, non-recourse debt or, where applicable, estimated sales proceeds which are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of the investment. Our assessment as to whether any decline in value is other than temporary is based on our ability and intent to hold the investment and whether evidence indicating the carrying value of the investment is recoverable within a reasonable period of time outweighs evidence to the contrary. We generally consider our investments in our equity method investees to be strategic long-term investments. Therefore, we complete our assessments with a long-term view. If the fair value of the investment is determined to be less than the carrying value and the decline in value is considered to be other than temporary, an appropriate write-down is recorded based on the excess of the carrying value over the best estimate of fair value of the investment.

(m) Goodwill:

Goodwill is the residual amount that results when the purchase price of an acquired business exceeds the sum of the amounts allocated to the assets acquired, less liabilities assumed, based on their fair values. Goodwill is allocated, as of the date of the business combination, to our reporting units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination.

Goodwill is not amortized and is tested for impairment, annually in the fourth quarter, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The



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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

impairment test is carried out in two steps. In the first step, the carrying amount of the reporting unit is compared with its fair value. When the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not to be impaired and the second step of the impairment test is unnecessary.

The second step is carried out when the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, in which case, the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is compared with its carrying amount to measure the amount of the impairment loss, if any. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the value of goodwill is determined in a business combination described in the preceding paragraph, using the fair value of the reporting unit as if it were the purchase price. When the carrying amount of reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess and is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations.

Goodwill at December 31, 2009 and 2008 relates to the Path 15 segment.

(n) Other intangible assets:

Other intangible assets include PPAs and fuel supply agreements at our projects.

Power purchase agreements are valued at the time of acquisition based on the prices received under the PPAs compared to projected market prices. The balances are presented net of accumulated amortization in the consolidated balance sheets. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the PPA. The weighted average period of remaining amortization is 4 years.

Fuel supply agreements are valued at the time of acquisition based on the prices projected to be paid under the fuel supply agreement relative to projected market prices. The weighted average period of remaining amortization is 3 years.

(o) Income taxes:

Income tax expense includes the current tax obligation or benefit and change in deferred income tax asset or liability for the period. We use the asset and liability method of accounting for deferred income taxes and provide deferred income taxes for all significant temporary differences. Income tax benefits associated with uncertain tax positions are recognized when we determine that it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be ultimately sustained. Refer to Note 14, for more information.

(p) Foreign currency translation:

Our functional currency and reporting currency is the United States dollar. The functional currency of our subsidiaries and other investments is the United States dollar. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars are translated into United States dollars using the rate of exchange in effect at the end of the year. All transactions denominated in Canadian dollars are translated into United States dollars at average exchange rates.

(q) Long-term incentive plan:

The officers and other employees of Atlantic Power are eligible to participate in the Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") that was implemented in 2007 and continued in effect until the end of 2009.

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

On an annual basis, the Board of Directors of Atlantic Power establishes awards that are based on the cash flow performance of Atlantic Power in the most recently completed year, each participant's base salary and the market price of the shares at the award date. Awards are granted in the form of notional units that have similar economic characteristics to our common shares. Notional units vest ratably over a three-year period and are redeemed in a combination of cash and shares upon vesting.

Unvested notional awards are entitled to receive dividends equal to the dividends per common share during the vesting period in the form of additional notional units. Unvested awards are subject to forfeiture if the participant is not an employee at the vesting date or if we do not meet certain ongoing cash flow performance targets.

Compensation expense related to awards granted to participants in the LTIP is recorded over the vesting period based on the estimated fair value of the award at each balance sheet date. Fair value of the awards is determined by projecting the total number of notional units that will vest in future periods, including dividends received on notional units during the vesting period, and applying the current market price per share to the projected number of notional units that will vest. Forfeitures are recorded as they occur and are not included in the estimated fair value of the awards. The aggregate number of shares which may be issued from treasury under the LTIP is limited to one million. All awards are accounted for as liability awards.

In early 2010, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the LTIP. The amended LTIP will be effective for grants beginning with the 2010 performance year. Under the amended LTIP, the notional units granted to plan participants will have the same characteristics as notional units under the old LTIP. However, the number of notional units granted will be based, in part, on the total shareholder return of Atlantic Power compared to a group of peer companies in Canada. In addition, vesting of the notional units for officers of Atlantic Power will occur on a 3-year cliff basis as opposed to ratable vesting over three years for grants made prior to the amendments.

(r) Deferred financing costs:

Deferred financing costs represent costs to obtain long-term financing and are amortized using the effective interest method over the term of the related debt which range from five to 28 years. The net carrying amount of deferred financing costs recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets was \$5.5 million and \$11.7 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$14.6 million, \$1.1, and \$0.6 million, respectively.

(s) Concentration of credit risk:

The financial instruments that potentially expose us to credit risk consist primarily of cash, restricted cash, derivatives and accounts receivable. Cash and restricted cash are held by major financial institutions that are also counterparties to our derivative contracts. We have long-term agreements to sell electricity, gas and steam to public utilities and corporations. We have exposure to trends within the energy industry, including declines in the creditworthiness of our customers. We do not normally require collateral or other security to support energy-related accounts receivable. We do not believe there is significant credit risk associated with accounts receivable due to payment history. See Note 18, *Segment and related information*, for a further discussion of customer concentrations.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

(t) Segments:

We have six reportable segments: Path 15, Auburndale, Lake, Pasco, Chambers and Other Project Assets. Each of our projects is an operating segment. Based on similar economic and other characteristics, we aggregated several of the projects into the Other Project Assets reportable segment.

(u) Recently issued accounting standards:

In June 2009, the FASB approved the "FASB Accounting Standards Codification" ("Codification") as the single source of authoritative, nongovernmental, U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as of July 1, 2009. The Codification does not change current U.S. GAAP or how we account for our transactions or nature of related disclosures made; instead it is intended to simplify user access to all authoritative literature related to a particular topic in one place. All existing accounting standard documents will be superseded, and all other accounting literature not included in the Codification will be considered non-authoritative. The Codification is effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The Codification became effective for Atlantic Power beginning the quarter ending September 30, 2009 and did not have an impact in our balance sheet or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In 2009, the FASB amended the consolidation guidance applied to VIEs. This standard replaces the quantitative approach previously required to determine which entity has a controlling financial interest in a VIE with a qualitative approach. Under the new approach, the primary beneficiary of a VIE is the entity that has both (a) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance, and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity, or the right to receive benefits from the entity, that could be significant to the VIE. This standard also requires ongoing reassessments of whether an entity is the primary beneficiary of a VIE and enhanced disclosures about an entity's involvement in VIEs. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. We do not expect this standard to have a material effect upon our financial statements.

In 2010, the FASB amended the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification to require additional disclosures about 1) transfers of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, including the reason for transfers, 2) purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, 3) additional disaggregation to include fair value measurement disclosures for each class of assets and liabilities and 4) disclosure of inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The amendment is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. We do not expect this standard to have a material effect upon our financial statements.

We adopted the FASB's revised standard for business combinations on January 1, 2009. The provisions of the standard are applied prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date occurs after January 1, 2009. The statement requires an acquirer to recognize and measure in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at fair value at the acquisition date. It also recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired or a gain from a bargain purchase in the business combination and determines what information to disclose to enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the nature and

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

financial effects of the business combination. In addition, transaction costs are required to be expensed as incurred. This standard was further amended and clarified with regards to application issues on initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting, and disclosure of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination. Our adoption of the standard did not have an impact on the results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In May 2009, the FASB issued a standard that incorporates the accounting and disclosure requirements related to subsequent events found in auditing standards into U.S. GAAP, effectively making management directly responsible for subsequent events accounting and disclosures. The standard also requires disclosure of the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009, and shall be applied prospectively. Our adoption of the standard did not have an impact on the results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In 2008, the FASB amended the disclosure requirements to improve financial reporting about derivatives and hedging activities. This standard became effective on January 1, 2009. We have adopted this standard as of January 1, 2009 and have adjusted our current disclosures accordingly.

In September 2006, the FASB issued a standard which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value measurements in financial reporting. While the standard does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstance, it has applicability to several current accounting standards that require or permit entities to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. The standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The impact of our adoption of this standard on January 1, 2008 resulted in a \$25.2 million increase to retained deficit

In July 2006, the FASB issued an interpretation that requires a new evaluation process for all tax positions taken, recognizing tax benefits when it is more-likely-than-not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by the authorities. The benefit from a position that has surpassed the more-likely-than-not threshold is the largest amount of benefit that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon settlement. Differences between the amounts recognized in the statement of financial position prior to the adoption of the interpretation and the amounts reported after adoption are to be accounted for as an adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings. Our adoption of the standard on January 1, 2007 did not have an impact on the results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

**3. Acquisitions and divestments**

(a) Stockton sale

On November 30, 2009, we sold our 50% interest in the assets of Stockton Cogen Company LP for a nominal cash payment. Stockton is a 55 MW coal/biomass cogeneration facility located in Stockton, California. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a loss on the sale of \$2.0 million. The loss on sale was recorded in gain (loss) on sales of equity investments in the in the accompanying consolidated statements operations.

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## (b) Mid-Georgia sale

On November 24, 2009, we sold our 50% interest in the assets of Mid-Georgia Cogen LP for \$29.1 million. Mid-Georgia is a 308 MW dual-fueled, combined-cycle, cogeneration plant located in Kathleen, Georgia. We recorded a gain on sale of asset of \$15.8 million. The gain on sale was recorded in gain (loss) on sales of equity investments in the in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

## (c) Pasco Acquisition

In December 2007, we acquired substantially all of the remaining 50.1% interest in the Pasco Project from our existing partners. During 2008, we finalized the allocation of purchase price to the net assets acquired with no significant changes from the preliminary allocation in the following table:

Working capital	\$ 4,466
Other long-term assets	20,518
<b>Total purchase price</b>	<b>24,984</b>
Less cash acquired	(1,771)
<b>Cash paid, net of cash acquired</b>	<b>\$ 23,213</b>

## (d) Rollcast

On March 31, 2009, we acquired a 40% equity interest in Rollcast Energy, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation. Rollcast is a developer of biomass power plants in the southeastern U.S. with five, 50 MW projects in various stages of development. The investment in Rollcast gives us the option but not the obligation to invest equity in Rollcast's biomass power plants. Two of the development projects have secured 20-year power purchase agreements with terms that allow for fuel cost pass-through to the utility customer. Total cash paid for the investment was \$3.0 million and is accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

In March 2010, we agreed to invest an additional \$2.0 million to increase our ownership interest in Rollcast to 60%. Under the terms of the agreement, \$1.2 million of the investment was made in March 2010 and the remaining \$0.8 million will be payable if Rollcast achieves certain milestones on its first biomass development project. As a result of this additional investment, we will begin to consolidate our investment in Rollcast beginning in the first quarter of 2010. See Note 21 for additional information.

## (e) Onondaga Renewables

In the first quarter of 2009, we transferred our remaining net assets of Onondaga Cogeneration Limited Partnership at net book value, into a 50% owned joint venture, Onondaga Renewables, LLC, which is redeveloping the Project into a 35-40 MW biomass power plant. Our investment in Onondaga Renewables is accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

## (f) Rumford impairment

During the three months ended September 30, 2009, we reviewed the recoverability of our 23.5% equity investment in the Rumford project. The review was undertaken as a result of not receiving distributions from the Project through the first nine months of 2009 and our view about the long-term economic viability of the plant upon expiration of the Project's PPA on December 31, 2009.

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Based on this review, we determined that the carrying value of the Rumford project was impaired and recorded a pre-tax long-lived asset impairment of \$5.5 million during 2009. The Rumford project is accounted for under the equity method of accounting and the impairment charge is included in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates in the consolidated statements of operations.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, Atlantic Power and the other limited partners in the Rumford Project settled a dispute with the general partner related to the general partner's failure to pay distributions to the limited partners in 2009. Under the terms of the settlement, we received \$2.9 million in distributions from Rumford in the fourth quarter of 2009. In addition, the general partner has agreed to purchase the interests of all the limited partners in 2010. However, the general partner is relieved of this obligation if certain conditions are met before June 30, 2010. If the general partner does purchase the limited partners interests, our share of the proceeds will be approximately \$2.5 million. The carrying value of our investment in Rumford as of December 31, 2009 is \$0.8 million.

**(g) Auburndale acquisition**

On November 21, 2008, we acquired 100% of Auburndale Power Partners, L.P., which owns and operates a 155 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility located in Polk County, Florida. The purchase price was funded by cash on hand, a borrowing under our credit facility and \$35 million of acquisition debt. The cash payment for the acquisition, including acquisition costs, has been allocated to the net assets acquired based on our preliminary estimate of the fair value.

Total cash paid for the acquisition, less cash acquired, during 2008 was \$141.7 million. In 2009, we received a working capital adjustment from the sellers in the amount of \$1.8 million, resulting in final purchase price of \$139.9 million.

The allocation of the purchase price to the net assets acquired is as follows:

Working capital	\$	11,589
Property, plant and equipment		56,301
Power purchase agreements		45,980
Fuel supply agreements		33,846
Other long-term assets		663
<b>Total purchase price</b>		<b>148,379</b>
<b>Less cash acquired</b>		<b>(8,471)</b>
<b>Cash paid, net of cash acquired</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>139,908</b>

**(h) Jamaica Private Power Company Ltd. Divestment**

In 2007, we sold our equity investment in the Jamaica Project for \$6.2 million. The carrying value of the equity investment exceeded the sales price and, accordingly, a loss of \$5.1 million was recorded in gain (loss) on sales of equity investments in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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**4. Equity method investments**

The following table summarizes our equity method investments:

Entity name	Percentage of Ownership as of December 31, 2009	Carrying value as December 31,	
		2009	2008
Badger Creek Limited	50.0%	\$ 9,949	\$ 11,677
Chambers Cogen, LP	40.0%	129,501	124,032
Delta-Person, LP	40.0%		644
Gregory Power Partners, LP	17.1%	2,931	3,381
Koma Kulshan Associates	49.8%	7,003	6,736
Mid-Georgia Cogen, LP	0.0%		15,340
Onondaga Renewables, LLC	50.0%	1,757	
Orlando Cogen, LP	50.0%	36,387	45,910
Rollcast Energy, Inc	30.0%	2,801	
Rumford Cogeneration, LP	26.2%	845	5,649
Selkirk Cogen Partners, LP	18.5%	57,030	60,307
Topsham Hydro Assets	50.0%	10,825	11,151
Other		201	2,948
Total		\$ 259,230	\$ 287,775

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates was as follows:

Entity name	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Badger Creek Limited	\$ 1,948	\$ 2,477	\$ 2,619
Chambers Cogen, LP	6,599	16,250	16,601
Delta-Person LP	(644)	(1,076)	(1,111)
Gregory Power Partners, LP	1,791	4,621	3,886
Koma Kulshan Associates	458	580	827
Mid-Georgia Cogen, LP	(2,686)	(2,068)	(1,051)
Onondaga Renewables, LLC	(600)		
Orlando Cogen Limited LP	3,152	2,920	2,410
Rollcast Energy, Inc	(267)		
Rumford Cogeneration LP	(1,904)	2,922	3,081
Selkirk Cogen Partners, LP	(280)	(6,958)	8,696
Topsham Hydro Assets	1,506	2,064	1,321
Other	(559)	(19,837)	7,089
Total	8,514	1,895	44,368
Distributions from equity method investments	(27,884)	(41,031)	(47,988)
Equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates, net of distributions	\$ (19,370)	\$ (39,136)	\$ (3,620)

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The following summarizes the balance sheets at December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, and operating results for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, for our equity method investments:

	2009	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets			
Chambers	\$ 10,356	\$ 14,418	\$ 12,696
Orlando	6,725	9,366	8,370
Other	25,198	43,119	48,167
Non-current assets			
Chambers	259,989	266,686	272,815
Orlando	34,975	40,026	45,382
Other	134,908	211,849	260,025
	\$ 472,151	\$ 585,464	\$ 647,455
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities			
Chambers	\$ 16,898	\$ 16,692	\$ 12,354
Orlando	5,313	3,482	7,362
Other	21,112	26,613	36,124
Non-current liabilities			
Chambers	123,946	140,381	153,574
Orlando			
Other	45,852	110,521	136,350
	\$ 213,121	\$ 297,689	\$ 345,764
<b>Operating results</b>			
Revenue			
Chambers	\$ 50,745	\$ 68,893	\$ 66,629
Orlando	41,911	34,372	37,392
Other	118,763	192,135	206,936
Net income (loss)			
Chambers	\$ 6,599	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,601
Orlando	3,152	2,920	2,411
Other	12,543	(17,275)	20,241

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**5. Property, plant and equipment**

	2009	2008	Depreciable Lives
Land	\$ 2,081	\$ 1,577	
Office equipment, machinery and other	6,331	5,383	3 - 10 Years
Leasehold improvements	2,411	2,411	7 - 15 Years
Plant in service	257,566	258,291	1 - 30 Years
	268,389	267,662	
Less accumulated depreciation	(74,567)	(63,491)	
	\$ 193,822	\$ 204,171	

Depreciation expense of \$11,126, \$6,907 and \$6,588 was recorded for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 respectively.

**6. Other intangible assets and transmission system rights**

Other intangible assets include power purchase agreements that are not separately recorded as financial instruments and fuel supply agreements. Transmission system rights represent the long-term right to approximately 72% of the regulated revenues of the Path 15 transmission line.

The following tables summarize the components of our intangible assets subject to amortization for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Transmission System rights	Power Purchase Agreements	Fuel supply Agreements	Total
Gross balances, December 31, 2009	\$ 231,669	\$ 73,880	\$ 43,258	\$ 348,807
Less: accumulated amortization	(35,685)	(26,608)	(18,760)	(81,053)
Net carrying amount, December 31, 2009	\$ 195,984	\$ 47,272	\$ 24,498	\$ 267,754

	Transmission System rights	Power Purchase Agreements	Fuel supply Agreements	Total
Gross balances, January 1, 2008	\$ 231,669	\$ 27,900	\$ 9,411	\$ 268,980
Acquisition of businesses during 2008		45,980	33,847	79,827
Adjusted gross amount at December 31, 2008	231,669	73,880	43,258	348,807
Less: accumulated amortization	(27,836)	(14,202)	(9,292)	(51,330)
Net carrying amount, December 31, 2008	\$ 203,833	\$ 59,678	\$ 33,966	\$ 297,477

The following table presents amortization of intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	2009	2008	2007
Transmission system rights	\$ 7,849	\$ 7,506	\$ 7,506
Power purchase agreements	12,406	4,206	3,207
Fuel supply agreements	9,468	2,940	2,039
Total amortization	\$ 29,723	\$ 14,652	\$ 12,752

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The following table presents estimated future amortization related to our transmission system rights, purchase power agreements and fuel supply agreements:

Year Ended December 31,	Transmission System rights	Power Purchase Agreements	Fuel supply Agreements	Total
2010	\$ 7,849	\$ 12,405	\$ 8,449	\$ 28,703
2011	7,849	12,405	8,449	28,703
2012	7,849	12,405	7,600	27,854
2013	7,849	10,056		17,905
2014	7,849			7,849

**7. Gas transportation contract liability**

Prior to June 2007, Onondaga had certain long-term commitments for the provision of natural gas transportation service to the Onondaga Project through the year 2013. The contracts provided for fixed monthly demand charges, in addition to variable commodity charges based on the quantity of gas transported. Obligations related to the long-term gas transportation agreements were recognized as liabilities in purchase accounting upon the acquisition of Onondaga in 2004. These obligations were previously being amortized over the remaining lives of the contracts. In 2007, Onondaga paid \$9.8 million to an unrelated third party in exchange for the assumption by the third party of the obligations under the long-term gas transportation agreements. The carrying value of the transportation contract liability at the date of the transaction exceeded the amount paid by Onondaga to extinguish the liability, resulting in a gain of approximately \$10 million in 2007. The gain was recorded in other project income in the consolidated statement of operations.

**8. Credit facility**

We maintain a credit facility with a capacity of \$100 million, \$50 million of which may be utilized for letters of credit. The credit facility matures in August 2012.

In November 2008, we borrowed \$55 million under the credit facility and used the proceeds to partially fund the acquisition of Auburndale. We executed an interest rate swap to fix the interest rate at 2.4% through November 2011 for \$40 million of the balance outstanding under this borrowing. During 2009, the outstanding borrowings under the credit facility were repaid with cash on hand and the interest rate swap was terminated. The remaining amount in accumulated other comprehensive income for this swap was recorded as interest expense in the consolidated statement of operations.

Outstanding amounts under the credit facility bear interest at the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin between 1.50% and 3.25% that varies based on certain credit statistics of a subsidiary of Atlantic Power. As of December 31, 2009, the applicable margin was 1.50% (0.875% in 2008). In connection with the common share conversion, we made amendments to the credit facility. The purpose of these amendments was to facilitate the common share conversion. Under the terms of the amendment, we paid a fee of \$0.3 million and amended the pricing table that determines the applicable margin.

As of December 31, 2009, \$43.9 million of the credit facility capacity was allocated, but not drawn, to support letters of credit for contractual credit support at seven of our projects.

We must meet certain financial covenants under the terms of the credit facility, which are generally based on our cash flow coverage ratio and indebtedness ratios. The most restrictive of these covenants

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could restrict the payment of dividends and interest on our common shares and convertible debentures. The facility is secured by pledges of assets and interests in certain subsidiaries. We expect to remain in compliance with the covenants of the credit facility for at least the next 12 months.

**9. Long-term debt**

Long-term debt represents our consolidated share of project long-term debt and the unamortized balance of purchase accounting adjustments that were recorded in connection with the Path 15 acquisition in order to adjust the debt to its fair value on the acquisition date. Project debt is non-recourse to Atlantic Power and generally amortizes during the term of the respective revenue generating contracts of the projects.

	2009	2008
Project debt, interest rates ranging from 5.1% to 9.0% maturing through 2028	\$ 230,331	\$ 242,349
Plus: purchase accounting fair value adjustments	12,030	12,756
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(18,280)	(12,008)

Long-term debt	\$ 224,081	\$ 243,097
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Principal payments due in the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

2010	\$ 18,280
2011	19,287
2012	17,167
2013	17,302
2014	13,065
Thereafter	145,230
	\$ 230,331

Project-level debt is secured by the respective project and its contracts with no other recourse to us. The loans have certain financial covenants that must be met. At December 31, 2009, all of our Projects were in compliance with the covenants contained in project-level debt. All of the debt in the table above is represented by non-recourse debt of the projects.

**10. Subordinated notes**

On November 27, 2009 our shareholders approved a conversion from the IPS Structure to a traditional common share structure. Each IPS has been exchanged for one new common share of Atlantic Power and each old common share that did not form part of an IPS was exchanged for approximately 0.44 of a new common share. This transaction resulted in the extinguishment of Cdn\$347.8 principal value of subordinated notes.

A loss on the common share conversion in the amount of \$13.1 million was recorded in interest expense within administrative and other expenses and was comprised of the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs of \$7.5 million, the costs associated with the common share conversion of \$4.7 million and the write off of the unamortized subordinated note premium of \$0.9 million.

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**10. Subordinated notes (Continued)**

On December 17, 2009, the Company exercised its subordinated note call option to redeem the remaining Cdn\$40,677 principal value of Subordinated Notes at 105% of the principal amount. A loss on the redemption of the subordinated notes in the amount of \$3.1 million was recorded in interest expense within administrative and other expenses and was comprised of the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs of \$1.2 million and the 5% premium paid in the amount of \$1.9 million.

The subordinated notes were due to mature in November 2016 subject to redemption under specified conditions at the option of Atlantic Power, commencing on or after November 18, 2009 (Note 13). Interest was payable monthly in arrears at an annual rate of 11% and the principal repayment was to occur at maturity.

The subordinated notes were denominated in Canadian dollars and were secured by a subordinated pledge of our interest in certain subsidiaries, and contained certain restrictive covenants. Cdn\$39.5 million principal value of the subordinated notes were separately held by two investors and the remaining amount of the outstanding subordinated notes formed a part of our publicly traded IPSs.

Interest expense related to the subordinated notes was \$36.4 million and \$40.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**11. Convertible debentures**

In 2006 we issued, in a public offering, Cdn\$60 million (\$57.1 million at December 31, 2009) aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible secured debentures (the "2006 Debentures") for gross proceeds of \$52.8 million. The 2006 Debentures pay interest semi-annually on April 30 and October 31 of each year. The 2006 Debentures had an initial maturity date of October 31, 2011 and are convertible into approximately 80.6452 common shares per Cdn\$1,000 principal amount of 2006 Debentures, at any time, at the option of the holder, representing a conversion price of Cdn\$12.40 per common share.

In connection with the common share conversion on November 27, 2009, the holders of the 2006 Debentures approved an amendment to increase the annual interest rate from 6.25% to 6.50% and separately, an extension of the maturity date from October 2011 to October 2014.

On December 17, 2009, we issued, in a public offering, Cdn\$75 million (\$68.1 million at December 31, 2009, net of deferred financing costs) aggregate principal amount of 6.25% convertible unsecured debentures (the "2009 Debentures") for gross proceeds of \$71.4 million. The 2009 Debentures pay interest semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year beginning on September 15, 2010. The 2009 Debentures mature on March 15, 2017 and are convertible into approximately 76.9231 common shares per Cdn\$1,000 principal amount of 2009 Debentures, at any time, at the option of the holder, representing a conversion price of Cdn\$13.00 per common share.

On December 24, 2009, the underwriters exercised their over-allotment option in full to purchase an additional Cdn\$11.3 million (\$10.3 million at December 31, 2009, net of deferred financing costs) aggregate principal amount of the 2009 Debentures for gross proceeds of \$10.7 million.

Aggregate interest expense related to the 2006 Debentures and 2009 Debentures was \$3.5 million, \$3.5 million and \$3.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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The estimated carrying values and fair values of our recorded financial instruments related to operations are as follows:

	2009		2008	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,850	\$ 49,850	\$ 37,327	\$ 37,327
Restricted cash	14,859	14,859	15,434	15,434
Derivative assets current	5,619	5,619		
Derivative assets non-current	14,289	14,289	224	224
Derivative liabilities current	6,512	6,512	6,206	6,206
Derivative liabilities non-current	5,513	5,513	14,211	14,211
Long-term debt, including current portion	242,361	259,633	255,105	333,738
Convertible debentures	139,153	141,251	49,261	46,675
Subordinated Notes			319,984	264,739

Our financial instruments that are recorded at fair value have been classified into levels using a fair value hierarchy.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined below:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Financial assets utilizing Level 1 inputs include active exchange-traded securities.

Level 2 Quoted prices available in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are directly observable, and inputs derived principally from market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs from objective sources. These inputs may be based on entity-specific inputs. Level 3 inputs include all inputs that do not meet the requirements of Level 1 or Level 2.

The following represents the fair value hierarchy of our financial assets and liabilities that were recognized at fair value as of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	December 31, 2009			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,850	\$	\$	\$ 49,850
Restricted cash	14,859			14,859
Derivative asset		19,908		19,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 64,709</b>	<b>\$ 19,908</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 84,617</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Derivative liabilities	\$	\$ 12,025	\$	\$ 12,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 12,025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 12,025</b>

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## 12. Fair value of financial instruments (Continued)

	December 31, 2008			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,327	\$	\$	\$ 37,327
Restricted cash	15,434			15,434
Derivative assets		224		224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,761</b>	<b>\$ 224</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 52,985</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Derivative liabilities	\$	\$ 20,417	\$	\$ 20,417
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 20,417</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 20,417</b>

The fair value of our derivative instruments are based on price quotes from brokers in active markets who regularly facilitate those transactions and we believe such price quotes are executable. We apply a credit reserve to reflect credit risk which is calculated based on our credit rating or the credit rating of our counterparties. To the extent that our net exposure under a specific master agreement is an asset, we use the counterparty's commercial credit rating. If the exposure under a specific master agreement is a liability, we use our estimate of our own corporate credit rating. The credit reserve is added to the discounted fair value to reflect the exit price that a market participant would be willing to receive to assume our liabilities or that a market participant would be willing to pay for our assets. As of December 31, 2009, the credit reserve resulted in a \$0.1 million increase in fair value which is comprised of a \$0.1 million gain in OCI and a \$0.3 million gain in change in fair value of derivative instruments and a \$0.3 million loss in foreign exchange loss (gain).

The carrying amounts for cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. The fair-value of long-term debt, subordinated notes and convertible debentures were determined using quoted market prices, as well as discounting the remaining contractual cash flows using a rate at which we could issue debt with a similar maturity as of the balance sheet date.

As of December 31, 2007, approximately \$26 million of our cash and cash equivalents were invested in auction-rate securities ("ARSs"). ARSs typically have an underlying maturity of up to 40 years but have historically traded in seven or 28 day intervals in a highly liquid market. The ARSs that were held at December 31, 2007 were redeemed at auctions held in January 2008 and the proceeds were re-invested in ARSs.

In early 2008, the overall market for ARSs suffered a significant decline in liquidity and most of the auctions of ARSs were unsuccessful, resulting in our continuing to hold these securities and the issuers paying interest at the maximum contractual rate. In September and November 2008, all of our investments in ARS were sold at par plus accrued interest for \$36.5 million.

Purchases and sales of ARSs are presented gross in the consolidated statements of cash flows because they are classified as available-for-sale securities.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**13. Accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities***Fair value of derivative instruments*

We have elected to disclose derivative assets and liabilities on a trade by trade basis and do not offset amounts at the counterparty master agreement level. The following table summarizes the fair value within the derivative assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets:

	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:		
Interest rate swap contract current	\$	\$ 726
Interest rate swap contract long-term		167
Total derivatives designated as cash flow hedges		893
Derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges:		
Interest rate swap contract current		1,705
Interest rate swap contract long-term		1,707
Foreign currency forward contracts current	5,619	
Foreign currency forward contracts long-term	14,289	
Natural gas swap contracts current	95	4,174
Natural gas swap contracts long-term	14	3,655
Total derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges	20,017	11,241
Total derivatives	\$ 20,017	\$ 12,134

*Impact of derivative instruments on the consolidated income statements*

Realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative contracts designated as cash flow hedges have been recognized in the consolidated statements of operations as follows: interest rate swaps have been recognized as a component of other comprehensive income (unrealized) and interest expense (realized); and forward physical purchases on natural gas swap contracts have been recognized as a component of fuel expense.

Unrealized losses for interest rate swaps recognized as a component of other comprehensive income totaled \$0.6 million and settlement losses of \$1.3 million were recognized in interest expense, net for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Other comprehensive loss recorded for natural gas swap contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges totaled \$5.1 million, net of tax prior to de-designation on July 1, 2009. Amortization of the loss of \$7.2 million is recorded as a component of change in fair value of derivative instruments as of December 31, 2009.

The following table summarizes the amount of gain (loss) recognized in income for derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges:

	Location of gain (loss) recognized in income	Year ended December 31, 2009
Natural gas swaps	Fuel	\$ 10,089
Foreign currency forwards	Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(3,864)
Interest rate swaps	Interest, net	1,446

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Unrealized gains and losses associated with changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not designated as cash flow hedges and ineffectiveness of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are reflected in current period earnings. The following table summarizes the pre-tax changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not designated as cash flow hedges.

	2009	2008	2007
Change in fair value of derivative instruments:			
Interest rate swaps	\$ 369	\$ (1,804)	\$
Indexed swap and hedge		(10,844)	(20,290)
Natural gas swaps	(7,182)	(3,378)	(1,974)
	\$ (6,813)	\$ (16,026)	\$ (22,264)

*Notional volumes of derivative transactions*

The following table summarizes the net notional volume buy/(sell) of our derivative transactions by commodity, excluding those derivatives that qualified for the normal purchases and normal sales exception as of December 31, 2009:

	Units	Total balance as of December 31, 2009
Interest rate swaps	US\$	\$ 7,134
Currency forwards	Cdn\$	\$ 7,900
Natural gas swaps	Mmbtu	16,220

*Foreign currency forward contracts*

We use forward foreign currency contracts to manage our exposure to changes in foreign exchange rates, as we earn our income in the United States but pay dividends to shareholders and interest on convertibles debentures predominantly in Canadian dollars. Since inception, we have established a hedging strategy for the purpose of reinforcing the long-term sustainability of cash distributions to holders of IPSs and common shares. We have executed this strategy by entering into forward contracts to purchase Canadian dollars at a fixed rate of Cdn\$1.134 per U.S. dollar in amounts sufficient to make monthly distributions through December 2013 at the current annual dividend level of Cdn\$1.094 per common share, as well as interest payments on the 2009 Debentures. It is our intention to periodically consider extending the length of these forward contracts.

In addition, we have executed forward contracts to purchase Canadian dollars at fixed rates of exchange sufficient to make semi-annual payments on the 2006 Debentures. The contracts provide for the purchase of Cdn\$1.9 million in April and in October of each year through 2011 at a rate of Cdn\$1.1075 per U.S. dollar.

The foreign exchange forward contracts are recorded at estimated fair value based on quoted market prices and our estimation of the counterparty's credit risk. The fair value of our forward foreign currency contracts at December 31, 2009 is an asset of \$19.9 million. Changes in the fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts are reflected in foreign exchange (gain) loss in the consolidated statements of operations.



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The following table contains the components of recorded foreign exchange (gain) loss for the periods indicated:

	2009	2008	2007
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains) losses:			
Subordinated notes and convertible debentures	\$ 55,508	\$ (85,212)	\$ 68,419
Forward contracts and other	(31,138)	46,009	(30,703)
	24,370	(39,203)	37,716
Realized foreign exchange gains on forward contract settlements	(3,864)	(8,044)	(7,574)
	\$ 20,506	\$ (47,247)	\$ 30,142

The following table illustrates the impact on our financial instruments of a 10% hypothetical change in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the Canadian dollar as of December 31, 2009:

Convertible debentures	\$ 13,915
Foreign currency forward contracts	30,204
	\$ 44,119

*Natural gas swaps*

The Pasco project's operating margin was exposed to changes in natural gas prices for the second half of 2008 as a result of the expiry of its favorably-priced natural gas supply contract on June 30, 2008 before the expiry of its PPA at the end of 2008. In the second quarter of 2008, we entered into a series of financial swaps that effectively fixed the price of natural gas at the Pasco project during the second half of 2008 at a weighted average price of \$12.24/Mmbtu.

These natural gas swaps are derivative financial instruments and were recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the natural gas swaps were recorded in change in fair value of derivative instruments in the consolidated statements of operations. The natural gas swaps at Pasco expired in December 2008.

Beginning January 1, 2009, a new ten-year PPA at the Pasco project requires the utility customers to provide natural gas needed to operate the plant and, as a result, the Pasco project is no longer exposed to changes in market prices of natural gas.

The Lake project's operating margin is exposed to changes in natural gas spot market prices from the expiration of its natural gas supply contract on June 30, 2009 through the expiration of its PPA on July 31, 2013. The Auburndale project purchases natural gas under a fuel supply agreement which provides approximately 80% of the Project's fuel requirements at fixed prices through June 30, 2012. The remaining 20% is purchased at spot market prices and therefore the Project is exposed to changes in natural gas prices for that portion of its gas requirements through the termination of the fuel supply agreement and 100% of its natural gas requirements from the expiry of the fuel contract in mid-2012 until the termination of its PPA.

We continue to execute our strategy to mitigate the future exposure to changes in natural gas prices at Lake and Auburndale by periodically entering into financial swaps that effectively fix the price of natural gas required at these projects. These natural gas swaps are derivative financial instruments and are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the

Table of Contents**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****13. Accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities (Continued)**

natural gas swaps through June 30, 2009 were recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) as they were designated as a hedge of the risk associated with changes in market prices of natural gas. As of July 1, 2009, we have de-designated these natural gas swap hedges and the changes in their fair value are recorded in change in fair value of derivative instruments in the consolidated statements of operations. Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income remaining prior to de-designation are amortized into the consolidated statements of operations over the remaining lives of the natural gas swaps.

*Interest Rate Swaps*

We have executed interest rate swaps on the revolving credit facility and at our consolidated Auburndale project to economically fix a portion of their respective exposure to changes in interest rates related to variable-rate debt. The interest rate swap agreements were designated as a cash flow hedge of the forecasted interest payments under the project-level Auburndale debt and the credit facility when they were executed in November 2008. The original interest rate swap expiration date for the Auburndale project-level debt was November 30, 2009. In November 2009, we executed a new interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge at Auburndale that expires on November 30, 2013. On November 30, 2009, we terminated the interest rate swap on the revolving credit facility when the remaining outstanding balance on the credit facility was repaid. The remaining amount in accumulated other comprehensive income for this swap was recorded as interest expense in the statements of operations.

The interest rate swaps are derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges. The instruments are recorded in the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss).

We did not record accumulated other comprehensive income for the year ended December 31, 2007 because we did not utilize hedge accounting for any of our derivatives. The following table summarizes the effects of applying hedge accounting on accumulated other comprehensive income balance attributable to hedged derivatives, net of tax:

<b>Year ended December 31, 2009</b>	<b>Interest Rate Swaps</b>	<b>Natural Gas Swaps</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accumulated OCI balance at December 31, 2008	\$ (501)	\$ (2,635)	\$ (3,136)
Realized from OCI during the period:			
Due to realization of previously deferred amounts	528		528
Due to de-designation of cash flow hedge accounting		4,299	4,299
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	(565)	(1,985)	(2,550)
Accumulated OCI balance at December 31, 2009	(538)	(321)	(859)
Gains (losses) expected to be realized from OCI during the next 12 months, net of \$674 tax	\$	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,012

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 13. Accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities (Continued)

Year ended December 31, 2008	Interest Rate Swaps	Natural Gas Swaps	Total
Accumulated OCI balance at December 31, 2007	\$	\$	\$
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	(501)	(2,635)	(3,136)
Accumulated OCI balance at December 31, 2008	(501)	(2,635)	(3,136)

## 14. Income taxes

	2009	2008	2007
Current income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (9,257)	\$ 449	\$ 4,816
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	(6,436)	(14,009)	12,289
Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (15,693)	\$ (13,560)	\$ 17,105

The following is a reconciliation of income taxes calculated at the Canadian enacted statutory rate of 30%, 33.5% and 36.12% at December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, to the provision for income taxes in the consolidated statements of operations:

	2009	2008	2007
Computed income taxes at Canadian statutory rate	\$ (16,254)	\$ 11,571	\$ (4,873)
Decrease resulting from:			
Operating countries with different income tax rates	(5,418)	2,245	(523)
	(21,672)	13,816	(5,396)
Valuation allowance	22,005	(37,111)	46,266
	333	(23,295)	40,870
Non-taxable foreign-source income			(475)
Permanent differences	(1,131)	10,787	(10,754)
Canadian loss carryforwards	(13,204)	(2,787)	(12,051)
Branch profits tax		2,368	993
Prior year true-up	(1,970)	(841)	(1,544)
Other	279	208	66
	(16,026)	9,735	(23,765)
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (15,693)	\$ (13,560)	\$ 17,105

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The tax effect of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2009 and 2008 are presented below:

	2009	2008
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Intangible assets	\$ 45,237	\$ 45,078
Loss carryforwards	62,926	41,514
Other accrued liabilities	16,212	15,885
Unrealized foreign exchange loss on subordinated notes		4,474
IPS issuance costs	1,374	540
Natural gas and interest rate hedges	573	2,092
Total deferred tax assets	126,322	109,583
Valuation allowance	(67,131)	(45,126)
	59,191	64,457
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	(69,639)	(72,024)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	(284)	(6,713)
Other		(1,378)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(69,923)	(80,115)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ (10,732)	\$ (15,658)

The following table summarizes the net deferred tax position as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Current deferred tax assets	\$ 17,887	\$ 11,121
Long-term deferred tax liabilities	(28,619)	(26,779)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ (10,732)	\$ (15,658)

As of December 31, 2009, we have recorded a valuation allowance of \$51.8 million. This amount is comprised primarily of provisions against available Canadian and U.S net operating loss carryforwards. In assessing the recoverability of our deferred tax assets, we consider whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon projected future taxable income in the United States and in Canada and available tax planning strategies.

As of December 31, 2009, we had the following net operating loss carryforwards that are scheduled to expire in the following years:

2014	\$ 6,093
2015	33,321
2026	35,848
2027	43,494
2028	41,806
2029	42,895
	\$ 203,457

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**15. Common stock and normal course issuer bid**

On November 27, 2009 the shareholders approved the conversion from the IPS Structure to a traditional common share structure. Each IPS has been exchanged for one new common share of and each old common share not forming part of an IPS was exchanged for approximately 0.44 of a new common share.

In 2008, we approved a normal course issuer bid to purchase up to four million IPSs, representing approximately 8% of Atlantic Power's public float at the same time. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, we acquired 481,600 and 558,620 IPSs at an average price of Cdn\$8.42 and Cdn\$8.78, respectively, under the terms of our existing normal course issuer bid. As of December 31, 2009, we have acquired a cumulative total of 1,040,220 IPSs at an average price of Cdn\$8.61 since the inception of the issuer bid in July 2008. We paid the market price at the time of acquisition for any IPSs purchased through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange, and all IPSs acquired under the bid have been cancelled. The issuer bid expired on July 24, 2009.

**16. Long-Term Incentive Plan**

On March 30, 2009, March 26, 2008 and March 28, 2007, the Board of Directors approved grants of notional units to acquire a maximum of 267,408, 142,717 and 172,071 IPSs, respectively, under the terms of the LTIP. Subsequent to the Conversion, notional units for IPSs became notional units for common shares.

The weighted average fair value per notional unit granted was Cdn\$7.27, Cdn\$10.18 and Cdn\$10.93 for the years ended December 31 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Compensation expense related to the LTIP was recorded in the amounts of \$2.2 million, \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Fair value of the awards is determined by projecting the total number of notional units that will vest in future periods, including dividends received on notional units during the vesting period, and applying the current market price per share to the projected number of notional units that will vest. See Note 2(q) for information about the amended LTIP that will be effective beginning in 2010.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**16. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Continued)**

The following table presents information related to the notional units:

	Units	Grant Date Weighted-Average Price per Unit
Outstanding at January 1, 2007		\$
Granted	172,021	9.43
Additional shares from dividends	12,889	9.43
Forfeited	(5,882)	9.43
Vested		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	179,028	9.43
Granted	142,717	9.99
Additional shares from dividends	28,138	9.71
Forfeited	(37,944)	9.43
Vested	(48,346)	9.43
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	263,593	9.76
Granted	267,408	5.76
Additional shares from dividends	49,540	7.80
Forfeited		
Vested	(109,260)	9.71
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	471,281	\$ 7.30

**17. Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share**

Basic earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average common shares outstanding during their respective period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed including dilutive potential shares as if they were outstanding shares during the year. Dilutive potential shares include shares that would be issued if all of the convertible debentures were converted into shares at January 1, 2009. Dilutive potential shares also include the weighted average number of shares, as of the date such notional units were granted, that would be issued if the unvested notional units outstanding under the LTIP were vested and redeemed for shares under the terms of the LTIP.

Because we reported a loss during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2007, the effect of including potentially dilutive shares in the calculation during those periods is anti-dilutive.

The following table sets forth the weighted average number of shares outstanding and potentially dilutive shares utilized in per share calculations:

	2009	2008	2007
Basic shares outstanding	60,632	61,290	61,471
Dilutive potential shares:			
Convertible debentures	5,095	4,839	4,839
LTIP notional units	476	221	156
Fully diluted shares	66,203	66,350	66,466

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**18. Segment and related information**

We have six reportable segments: Path 15, Auburndale, Lake, Pasco Chambers and Other Project Assets.

We analyze the performance of our operating segments based on Project Adjusted EBITDA which is defined as project income less interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (including non-cash impairment charges) and changes in fair value of derivative instruments. Project Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure recognized under GAAP and does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and is therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We use unaudited Project Adjusted EBITDA to provide comparative information about project performance without considering how projects are capitalized or whether they contain derivative contracts that are required to be recorded at fair value. A reconciliation of project income to Project Adjusted EBITDA is set out below under "Project Adjusted EBITDA".

	Path 15	Auburndale	Lake	Pasco	Chambers	Other Project Assets	Un-allocated Corporate	Consolidated
<b>Year ended December 31, 2009:</b>								
Operating revenues	\$ 31,000	\$ 74,875	\$ 62,285	\$ 11,357	\$	\$	\$	\$ 179,517
Segment assets	219,586	130,053	118,925	42,479			358,533	869,576
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets		321	1,278	355			62	2,016
Project Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,691	\$ 35,221	\$ 25,378	\$ 3,299	\$ 13,595	\$ 38,995	\$	\$ 144,179
Change in fair value of derivative instruments		2,118	5,064		(2,236)	101		5,047
Depreciation and amortization	8,511	19,780	10,098	2,987	3,392	22,875		67,643
Interest, net	12,911	2,833	(4)		4,613	11,158		31,511
Other project (income) expense	(1,230)			(26)	1,227	(8,408)		(8,437)
Project income	7,499	10,490	10,220	338	6,599	13,269		48,415
Interest, net							55,698	55,698
Management fees and administration							26,028	26,028
Foreign exchange loss							20,506	20,506
Other expense, net							362	362
Loss from operations before income taxes	7,499	10,490	10,220	338	6,599	13,269	(102,594)	(54,179)
Income tax expense (benefit)							(15,693)	(15,693)
Net loss	7,499	10,490	10,220	338	6,599	13,269	(86,901)	\$ (38,486)

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 18. Segment and related information (Continued)

	Path 15	Auburndale	Lake	Pasco	Chambers	Other Project Assets	Un-allocated Corporate	Consolidated
<b>Year ended December 31, 2008:</b>								
Operating revenues	\$ 31,528	\$ 10,003	\$ 61,610	\$ 58,897	\$	\$ 11,774	\$	\$ 173,812
Segment assets	235,198	151,524	130,083	52,925			338,265	907,995
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets			814	175			113	1,102
Project Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 28,872	\$ 4,461	\$ 32,892	\$ 21,953	\$ 27,603	\$ 58,908	\$	\$ 174,689
Change in fair value of derivative instruments				3,378	2,491	24,045		29,914
Depreciation and amortization	7,917	2,127	11,232	11,154	2,973	24,722		60,125
Interest, net	13,232	225	(32)	978	5,309	10,604		30,316
Other project expense					580	12,748		13,328
Project income	7,723	2,109	21,692	6,443	16,250	(13,211)		41,006
Interest, net							43,275	43,275
Management fees and administration							10,012	10,012
Foreign exchange gain							(47,247)	(47,247)
Other expense, net							425	425
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes	7,723	2,109	21,692	6,443	16,250	(13,211)	(6,465)	34,541
Income tax expense (benefit)							(13,560)	(13,560)
Net income (loss)	7,723	2,109	21,692	6,443	16,250	(13,211)	7,095	\$ 48,101

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 18. Segment and related information (Continued)

	Path 15	Auburndale	Lake	Pasco	Chambers	Other Project Assets	Un-allocated Corporate	Consolidated
<b>Year ended December 31, 2007:</b>								
Operating revenues	\$ 34,524	\$	\$ 53,210	\$	\$	\$ 25,523	\$	\$ 113,257
Segment assets	240,459		137,641	79,442			423,209	880,751
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets			2,886			13,294	670	16,850
Project Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 31,564	\$	\$ 28,042	\$ 14,225	\$ 28,028	\$ 83,359	\$	\$ 185,218
Change in fair value of derivative instruments				747		21,693		22,440
Depreciation and amortization	7,874		11,261	7,468	3,462	29,076		59,141
Interest, net	12,016		9		8,375	11,278		31,678
Other project (income) expense			8,554	(149)	(410)	(6,154)		1,841
Project income	11,674		8,218	6,159	16,601	27,466		70,118
Interest, net							44,307	44,307
Management fees and administration							8,815	8,185
Foreign exchange loss							30,142	30,142
Other							975	975
Loss from operations before income taxes	11,674		8,218	6,159	16,601	27,466	(83,609)	(13,491)
Income tax expense							17,105	17,105
Net income (loss)	11,674		8,218	6,159	16,601	27,466	(100,714)	\$ (30,596)

Progress Energy Florida and the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") provide for 71.1%, 17.3%, respectively, of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009, 75.1% and 18.1% for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 57.8% and 24.2% for the year ended December 31, 2007. Progress Energy Florida purchases electricity from Auburndale and Lake and the CAISO makes payments to Path 15. In addition, during 2008 and 2007 Progress Energy Florida purchased electricity from Pasco.

## 19. Related party transactions

Prior to December 31, 2009, Atlantic Power was managed by Atlantic Power Management, LLC (the "Manager"), which was owned by two private equity funds managed by Arclight Capital Partners, LLC. On December 31, 2009, we terminated our management agreements with the Manager and have agreed to pay the ArcLight funds an aggregate of \$15 million, to be satisfied by a payment of \$6 million at the termination date, and additional payments of \$5 million, \$3 million and \$1 million on the respective first, second and third anniversaries of the termination date. We have recorded the remaining liability associated with the termination fee at its estimated fair value of \$8.1 million and recorded \$14.1 million of expense, which includes the \$6 million payment made on the termination date, in management fees and administration expense within administrative and other expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with the management agreement between Atlantic Power and the Manager, we incurred management and incentive fees of \$0.6 million

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**19. Related party transactions (Continued)**

and \$1.3 million, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2008, we incurred management and incentive fees of \$0.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2007, we incurred management and incentive fees of \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

On November 21, 2008, we acquired Auburndale from an entity owned by the ArcLight funds and Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, which, at that time, owned approximately 19% of our IPSs and Cdn\$36.5 million of our outstanding Subordinated Notes.

**20. Commitments and contingencies**

From time to time, Atlantic Power, its subsidiaries and the projects are parties to disputes and litigation that arise in the normal course of business. We assess our exposure to these matters and records estimated loss contingencies when a loss is likely and can be reasonably estimated. There are no matters pending as of December 31, 2009 which are expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**21. Subsequent events**

These financial statements and notes reflect our evaluation of events occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date through April 12, 2010, the date the financial statements were issued.

In early 2010, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the LTIP. See Note 2(q) for additional information.

In March 2010, we agreed to invest an additional \$2.0 million to increase our ownership interest in Rollcast to 60%. See Note 2(c) for additional information.

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**VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007**  
(in thousands)

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Charged to Other Accounts	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
<b>Income tax valuation allowance, deducted from deferred tax assets:</b>					
Year ended December 31, 2009	45,126	22,005			67,131
Year ended December 31, 2008	82,237	(37,111)			45,126
Year ended December 31, 2007	35,971	46,266			82,237

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