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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, dated February , 2016**

**(To Prospectus dated December 12, 2014)**

**Devon Energy Corporation**

55,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

We are offering 55,000,000 shares (the firm shares ) of our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (our common stock ). We will receive all of the net proceeds from this offering.

Shares of our common stock trade on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol DVN. On February 16, 2016, the last sale price of the shares as reported on the NYSE was \$21.26 per share.

*Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully read the entire accompanying prospectus and this prospectus supplement, including the section titled Risk Factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.*

	Per Share	Total
Price to public	\$	\$ (1)
Underwriting discount	\$	\$ (1)
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$ (1)

(1) Assumes no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares described below. We have granted the underwriters an option exercisable within a 30-day period beginning on, and including, the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to 8,250,000 additional shares of our common stock (the additional shares and, together with the firm shares, the shares) from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. See Underwriting.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares on or about February , 2016.

***Book-Running Manager***

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**

The date of this prospectus supplement is February , 2016

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You should read this prospectus supplement along with the accompanying prospectus carefully before you invest in the securities being offered. These documents contain or incorporate by reference important information you should consider before making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement contains specific information about the securities being offered and the accompanying prospectus contains a general description of the securities. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information in the accompanying prospectus. No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy those securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, nor any sale made hereunder and thereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of Devon since the date hereof or that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein or therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.



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We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

For purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless the context otherwise indicates, references to us, we, our, ours and Devon refer to Devon Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries.

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**INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus supplement and the documents that we incorporate by reference include forward-looking statements as defined by the SEC. Such statements are those concerning strategic plans, our expectations and objectives for future operations, as well as other future events or conditions, and are often identified by use of the words expects, believes, will, would, could, forecasts, projections, estimates, plans, expectations, targets, opportunities, outlook and other similar terminology. Such forward-looking statements are based on our examination of historical operating trends, the information used to prepare our December 31, 2015 reserve reports and other data in our possession or available from third parties. Such statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. Consequently, actual future results could differ materially from our expectations due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

the volatility of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids ( NGL ) prices, including the currently depressed commodity price environment;

uncertainties inherent in estimating oil, gas and NGL reserves;

the extent to which we are successful in acquiring and discovering additional reserves;

the uncertainties, costs and risks involved in exploration and development activities;

risks related to our hedging activities;

counterparty credit risks;

regulatory restrictions, compliance costs and other risks relating to governmental regulation, including with respect to environmental matters;

risks relating to our indebtedness;

our ability to successfully complete mergers, acquisitions and divestitures;

the extent to which insurance covers any losses we may experience;

our limited control over third parties who operate our oil and gas properties;

midstream capacity constraints and potential interruptions in production;

competition for leases, materials, people and capital;

cyberattacks targeting our systems and infrastructure; and

any of the other risks and uncertainties discussed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Devon, or persons acting on its behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. We assume no duty to update or revise our forward-looking statements based on new information, future events or otherwise.

You should pay particular attention to the risk factors and cautionary statements referenced in the section of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, entitled Risk Factors. You should also carefully review the risk factors and cautionary statements described in the other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, specifically our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because this is a summary, it may not contain all of the information that is important to you. Before making an investment decision, you should read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, including the sections titled *Risk Factors* and *Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* in this prospectus supplement and *Item 1A Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (as such risk factors may be updated from time to time in our public filings).*

**Devon Energy Corporation**

Devon is a leading independent energy company engaged primarily in the exploration, development and production of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, or NGLs. Our operations are concentrated in various North American onshore areas in the U.S. and Canada. Our portfolio of oil and gas properties provides stable, environmentally responsible production and a platform for future growth. We have doubled our onshore North American oil production since 2010 to more than 275,000 barrels per day and have a deep inventory of development opportunities. Devon also produces over 1.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day and more than 136,000 barrels of natural gas liquids per day.

Additionally, we control EnLink Midstream Partners, L.P., a leading integrated midstream business with significant size and scale in key operating regions in the U.S. This master limited partnership focuses on providing gathering, transmission, processing, fractionation and marketing to producers of natural gas, NGLs, crude oil and condensate.

**Corporate Information**

Our principal and administrative offices are located at 333 West Sheridan Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-5015. Our telephone number at that location is (405) 235-3611.



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**The Offering**

*The summary below contains basic information about this offering. It does not contain all of the information you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read the entire prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and the information included or incorporated and deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and therein before making an investment decision.*

<b>Issuer</b>	Devon Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation
<b>Common stock offered</b>	55,000,00 shares
<b>Number of shares to be outstanding after this offering</b>	496,294,085 shares <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Underwriters option</b>	We have granted the underwriters an option, exercisable within a 30-day period beginning on, and including, the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to 8,250,000 additional shares of our common stock from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions.
<b>Use of proceeds</b>	<p>The net proceeds of this offering, after discounts and expenses, are estimated to be approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full).</p> <p>We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes, including bolstering our liquidity position, reducing indebtedness and funding our capital program. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term marketable securities until they are used for their stated purpose. See Use of Proceeds.</p>
<b>Dividend policy</b>	On February 16, 2016, we announced that our board of directors had reduced our regular quarterly cash dividend on our common stock from \$0.24 to \$0.06 per share. The amount and timing of future dividend payments and our ability to make other distributions is subject to applicable law and will be made at the discretion of our board of directors based on factors such as cash flow and cash requirements, capital expenditure requirements, financial condition and other factors. There can be no assurance that we will not further reduce dividends in the future.

On December 2, 2015, we announced that our board of directors declared a dividend of \$0.24

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per share of common stock for the first quarter of 2016, payable on March 31, 2016 to holders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2016.

See Risk Factors *We cannot assure that we will be able to continue paying dividends on our common stock.*

**NYSE Symbol**

DVN

**Transfer agent and registrar**

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. is the transfer agent and registrar for the shares.

**Payment and settlement**

The shares are expected to be delivered against payment on February 16, 2016. The shares will be registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ) in New York, New York. In general, beneficial ownership interests in the shares will be shown on, and transfers of these beneficial ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and indirect participants.

**Risk Factors**

See Risk Factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of risks you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our common stock.

- (1) The number of shares of common stock outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 441,294,085 shares of our common stock outstanding as of February 16, 2016 plus the 55,000,000 shares that we are offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement, but excluding 8,250,000 shares of our common stock issuable on the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our common stock in this offering.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in our common stock is subject to risk. Before you decide to invest in our common stock, you should carefully consider the specific risk factors discussed below, together with all the other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. For further discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our business, please see the discussion under the sections titled *Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* in this prospectus supplement and *Risk Factors* included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents that we file with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.*

**Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock**

*Our stock price has fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. Accordingly, you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the price at which you purchased them.*

The trading price of our common stock has fluctuated in the past. The trading price of our common stock could fluctuate significantly in the future and could be negatively affected in response to various factors, including:

the market prices of oil, gas and NGLs, which are influenced by, among other things, worldwide supply and demand and inventory levels, conservation and environmental protection efforts, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the price and availability of alternative fuels;

market conditions in the broader stock market in general;

our ability to make investments with attractive risk-adjusted returns;

market perception of our current and projected financial condition, potential growth, future earnings and future cash dividends;

announcements we make regarding dividends;

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly financial and operating results;

additional offerings of our equity securities;

actions by rating agencies;

short sales of our common stock;

any decision to pursue a distribution or disposition of a meaningful portion of our assets;

issuance of new or changed securities analysts' reports or recommendations;

market perception or media coverage of us, other similar companies or the outlook of the markets and industries in which we compete;

major reductions in trading volumes on the exchanges on which we operate;

legislative or regulatory developments, including changes in the status of our regulatory approvals or licenses;

litigation and governmental investigations;

any decision to pursue a spin-off of a portion of our assets; and

any of the other risks described under the section "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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These and other factors may cause the market price and demand for our common stock to fluctuate substantially, which may negatively affect the price or liquidity of our common stock. When the market price of a stock has been volatile or has decreased significantly in the past, holders of that stock have, at times, instituted securities class action litigation against the company that issued the stock. If any of our stockholders brought a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending, settling or paying any resulting judgments related to the lawsuit. Such a lawsuit could also divert the time and attention of our management from our business and hurt our share price.

### ***Shares eligible for future sale may adversely affect our common stock price.***

Sales of our common stock or other securities in the public or private market, or the perception that these sales may occur, could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. This could also impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of our equity securities. Under our certificate of incorporation, we are authorized to issue up to 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock and 4,500,000 shares of preferred stock and we are authorized to convert our authorized preferred stock into common stock. We cannot predict the size of future issuances of our common stock or other securities or the effect, if any, that future sales and issuances of our common stock and other securities would have on the market price of our common stock.

In connection with our acquisition of Felix Energy Holdings, LLC, which closed on January 7, 2016, we issued 23,470,000 shares of our common stock (the Felix Shares). In connection with our acquisition of certain oil and gas properties in the Powder River Basin, which closed on December 17, 2015, we issued 6,857,488 shares of our common stock (the PRB Shares). Pursuant to the terms of these acquisitions, we agreed to register for resale with the SEC the Felix Shares and the PRB Shares. Following such respective registrations, the Felix Shares and the PRB Shares can generally be freely sold in the public markets at any time on or after February 21 and March 16, 2016, respectively. Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock, or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell shares, could reduce the market price of our common stock or other securities.

### ***Our shares of common stock will rank junior to all of our and our subsidiaries liabilities.***

In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our assets will be available to pay obligations on the common stock only after all of our and our subsidiaries liabilities have been paid. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding up, there may not be sufficient assets remaining, after paying our and our subsidiaries liabilities, to pay any amounts with respect to the common stock then outstanding.

### ***Certain provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ( DGCL ), our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws may delay, hinder or prevent a change of control of us, which could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.***

Provisions of the DGCL, our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws could delay or discourage some transactions involving an actual or potential change in control of us or our management and may limit the ability of our stockholders to remove current management or approve transactions that our stockholders may deem to be in their best interests. These provisions:

authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock, the terms of which can be determined by our board of directors at the time of issuance;

provide an advanced written notice procedure with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of our board of directors or a committee of our board of directors;

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state that special meetings of our stockholders may be called by the Chairman of our board of directors or the President or by resolution of a majority of our board of directors or on request in writing of stockholders of record owning not less than 25% of the capital stock outstanding and entitled to vote;

allow our directors, and not our stockholders, to fill vacancies on our board of directors, including vacancies resulting from removal or enlargement of our board of directors; and

grant our board of directors the authority to amend and repeal our by-laws without a stockholder vote, subject to the power of the stockholders to change or repeal any by-laws by a majority vote of the stockholders, voting as a single class, present and represented at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for such purpose.

These provisions may also make it difficult and expensive for a third party to pursue a tender offer, change in control or takeover attempt of our Company that is opposed by our management or our board of directors. Stockholders who might desire to participate in those types of transactions may not have an opportunity to do so, even if the transaction is favorable to stockholders. These anti-takeover provisions could substantially impede the ability of stockholders to benefit from a change in control or to change our management or our board of directors and, as a result, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and the ability of stockholders to realize any potential change of control premium.

***This offering of shares of common stock is expected to be dilutive and there may be future dilution of our common stock.***

Except as described under the heading "Underwriting," we are not restricted from issuing additional shares of common stock, including securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive common stock. As part of this offering, we expect to issue 55,000,000 shares of common stock (and up to 8,250,000 additional shares of common stock if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase the additional shares in full). We expect that this offering may have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share. The actual amount of such dilution cannot be determined at this time and will be based on numerous factors.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our equity securities in the public market could depress the market price of our common stock and impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We cannot predict the effect that future sales of our equity securities would have on the market price of our common stock.

***We cannot assure that we will be able to continue paying dividends on our common stock.***

On February 16, 2016, we announced that our board of directors had reduced our regular quarterly cash dividend on our common stock from \$0.24 to \$0.06 per share. The amount and timing of future dividend payments and our ability to make other distributions is subject to applicable law and will be made at the discretion of our board of directors based on factors such as cash flow and cash requirements, capital expenditure requirements, financial condition and other factors. There can be no assurance that we will not further reduce dividends in the future.

On December 2, 2015, we announced that our board of directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.24 per share of common stock for the first quarter of 2016, payable on March 31, 2016 to holders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2016.



Furthermore, under Delaware law, our board of directors may only declare and pay dividends on shares of our capital stock out of our statutory surplus (which is the amount equal to total assets minus total liabilities, in each case at fair market value, minus statutory capital), or if there is no such

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surplus, out of our net profits for the then current and/or immediately preceding fiscal year. Further, even if we are permitted under our contractual obligations and Delaware law to declare and pay cash dividends on our capital stock, we may not have sufficient cash to declare and pay such dividends in cash.

*Non-U.S. holders may be subject to U.S. income tax with respect to gain on disposition of their common stock.*

We believe that we are a United States real property holding corporation, orUSRPHC. So long as our common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market, a non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal net income tax on a disposition of the regularly traded stock or distributions on our common stock that are treated as a return of capital only if the non-U.S. holder actually or constructively holds or held (during a specified time period) more than 5% of our common stock, in which case the non-U.S. holder may be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations For Non-U.S. Holders.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of this offering, after discounts and expenses, are estimated to be approximately \$        million (or approximately \$        million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full). We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes, including bolstering our liquidity position, reducing indebtedness and funding our capital program. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term marketable securities until they are used for their stated purpose.

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**U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS**

The following is a summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to non-U.S. holders (as defined below) with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock. This summary applies only to non-U.S. holders who purchase our common stock in this offering and hold our common stock as a capital asset (generally, property held for investment purposes). This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to particular non-U.S. holders in light of their individual circumstances or the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to non-U.S. holders that are subject to special rules, such as controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, banks or other financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations (including private foundations), U.S. expatriates, broker-dealers and traders in securities, and non-U.S. holders that hold common stock as part of a straddle, conversion transaction or other integrated investment.

This summary is based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as in effect on the date hereof, and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly on a retroactive basis. The summary does not describe any U.S. state, local or non-U.S. income or other tax consequences (including estate, gift and Medicare contribution tax consequences) of owning and disposing of our common stock.

For purposes of this summary, the term non-U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of our common stock that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, neither a partnership (or an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) nor any of the following:

a citizen or individual resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (b) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships holding our common stock, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their tax advisers as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them in their particular circumstances.



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### **EACH NON-U.S. HOLDER IS URGED TO CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISER REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND NON-U.S. INCOME AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF OWNING AND DISPOSING OF OUR COMMON STOCK.**

#### **Distributions on Common Stock**

Distributions on our common stock will generally be treated as dividends to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of a non-U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in our common stock and thereafter as capital gain from the sale or exchange of such common stock, subject to the discussion below in **Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Common Stock**. Subject to the discussion below regarding dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, the gross amount of dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder with respect to our common stock will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30%, or at a lower rate if an applicable income tax treaty so provides and you properly certify as to the application of that treaty. In addition, assuming that we are a U.S. real property holding corporation (as described below), we may withhold 15% of any distribution that exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits if either our common stock is not then regularly traded on an established securities market or a non-U.S. holder owns in excess of 5% of our common stock. There can be no assurance that our common stock will continue to qualify as regularly traded on an established securities market. Non-U.S. holders should also consult the discussion of the legislation commonly referred to as Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act below for other potential withholding tax considerations.

Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers regarding their entitlement to benefits under an applicable income tax treaty and the manner of claiming the benefits of such treaty. A non-U.S. holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. federal withholding tax under an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for a refund with the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS").

Dividends that are effectively connected with a non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and, if an income tax treaty so requires, that are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States, will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, assuming that the non-U.S. holder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Instead, such dividends will be subject to tax on a net-income basis at regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates, in the manner applicable to U.S. persons. In addition, dividends received by a corporate non-U.S. holder that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States may be subject to a branch profits tax at a 30% rate, or at a lower rate if provided by an applicable income tax treaty.

#### **Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition of Common Stock**

Subject to the discussion below on backup withholding and the legislation commonly referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax with respect to gain on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of our common stock unless (i) the gain is effectively connected with such non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if a tax treaty requires, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States), (ii) in the case of a non-U.S. holder that is a non-resident alien individual, such non-U.S. holder is present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year of disposition and certain other requirements are met, or (iii) we are or have been a United States real property holding corporation for U.S. federal income



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tax purposes at any time within the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of such sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition and the period that such non-U.S. holder held our common stock and either (a) our common stock was not treated as regularly traded on an established securities market at any time during the calendar year in which the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition occurs, or (b) such non-U.S. holder owns or owned (actually or constructively) more than 5% of our common stock at any time during the shorter of the two periods mentioned above.

Under U.S. federal income tax laws, we will be a United States real property holding corporation if the fair market value of our United States real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of (i) our real property interests, plus (ii) any other of our assets used or held for use in a trade or business. We believe that we are a United States real property holding corporation. If one of the conditions set forth above is not satisfied, a non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a disposition of our common stock as if the gain were effectively connected with the conduct of the non-U.S. holder's trade or business in the United States, as discussed below. In addition, if our common stock ceased to be regularly traded on an established securities market (and certain other conditions were met), a buyer of our common stock from a non-U.S. holder would generally be required to withhold tax in an amount equal to 15% of the amount realized by the non-U.S. holder on the sale or other taxable disposition of the common stock. There can be no assurance that our common stock will continue to qualify as regularly traded on an established securities market. The rules regarding United States real property holding corporations are complex, and non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisers with respect to the application of these rules based on their particular circumstances.

An individual non-U.S. holder who is subject to U.S. tax because he or she was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the year of disposition will generally be subject to tax on his or her gain from the disposition of our common stock at a flat rate of 30% (net of any U.S.-source capital loss recognized in such year), or at a lower rate if provided by an applicable income tax treaty. Non-U.S. holders whose gain from the disposition of our common stock is treated as effectively connected with their conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if an income tax treaty requires, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States) will generally be subject to tax on such disposition on a net-income basis at regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates, in the manner in which citizens or residents of the United States would be subject to tax. In addition, gain recognized by a corporate non-U.S. holder that is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if an income tax treaty requires, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States) may be subject to a branch profits tax at a 30% rate, or at a lower rate if provided by an applicable income tax treaty.

## **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

You will generally be required to comply with certain certification procedures to establish that you are not a U.S. person in order to avoid backup withholding with respect to dividends or the proceeds of a sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of common stock. In addition, the amount of any dividends paid must be annually reported to the IRS, regardless of whether any tax has actually been withheld. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and the amount withheld may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which you reside under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will generally be allowed as a refund or credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that certain required information is provided on a timely basis to the IRS.



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**Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act Legislation**

Withholding at a rate of 30% will generally be required in certain circumstances on dividends in respect of, and, after December 31, 2018, gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, shares of our common stock held by or through certain foreign financial institutions (including investment funds), unless such institution (i) enters into, and complies with, an agreement with the IRS to report, on an annual basis, information with respect to interests in, or accounts maintained by, the institution that are owned by certain U.S. persons or by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by U.S. persons and to withhold on certain payments, or (ii) if required under an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, reports such information to its local tax authority, which will exchange such information with the U.S. authorities. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify these requirements. Accordingly, the status under this regime of entities through which you hold our common stock may affect the determination of whether such withholding is required. Similarly, dividends in respect of, and after December 31, 2018, gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our common stock held by an entity that is a non-financial non-U.S. entity that does not qualify for one of certain exceptions will generally be subject to withholding at a rate of 30%, unless such entity either (i) certifies that such entity does not have any substantial United States owners or (ii) provides certain information regarding the entity's substantial United States owners, which will in turn be provided to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the possible implications of these rules on your investment in our common stock.

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We are selling the shares to the underwriters named in the table below, for whom Goldman, Sachs & Co. is acting as representative, pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated as of the date of this prospectus supplement. We have agreed to sell to each of the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase, the principal amount of shares set forth opposite that underwriter's name in the table below:

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	
Total	55,000,000

Under the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, the underwriters must buy all of the shares if they buy any of them, other than those shares covered by the option to purchase additional shares described below. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters pursuant thereto are subject to certain conditions. In the event of a default by an underwriter, the underwriting agreement provides that, in certain circumstances, the purchase commitments of the non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated. The underwriters will sell the shares to the public when and if the underwriters buy the shares from us. The offering of the shares by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters by the Company in connection with the offering of the shares. Such amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase 8,250,000 additional shares.

	<b>No Exercise</b>	<b>Full Exercise</b>
Per share	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

Shares sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any shares sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the initial public offering price of up to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share from the public offering price. If all of the shares are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriters may change the offering price and other selling terms.

We estimate that our expenses in connection with the sale of the shares, other than the underwriting discounts, will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The underwriters have an option to buy up to an additional 8,250,000 shares from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. They may exercise that option for 30 days. If any shares are purchased pursuant to this option, the underwriters will severally purchase shares in approximately the same proportion as set forth in the table above.

In order to facilitate the offering of the shares, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the shares. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering, and a short position represents the amount of such sales that have not been covered by subsequent purchases. A covered short position is a short position that is not greater than the amount of

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additional shares for which the underwriters' option described above may be exercised. Specifically, the underwriters may cover any covered short position by exercising their option to purchase additional shares. In addition, to cover short positions or to stabilize the price of the shares, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to cover the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase additional shares pursuant to the option described above. Naked short sales are any short sales that create a short position greater than the amount of additional shares for which the option described above may be exercised. The underwriters must cover any such naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the shares above independent market levels.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased shares sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

Purchases to cover a short position and stabilizing transactions, as well as other purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our stock, and together with the imposition of the penalty bid, may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the common stock. As a result, the price of the common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time. These transactions may be effected on NYSE, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

## **Electronic Distribution**

In connection with the offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as e-mail. In addition, certain of the underwriters may facilitate Internet distribution for this offering to certain of their Internet subscription customers. Each such underwriter may allocate a limited number of shares for sale to its online brokerage customers. An electronic prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is available on the Internet web site maintained by each such underwriter. Other than this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format, the information on each underwriter's web site is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

## **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for Devon, for which they may receive customary fees and expenses. In particular, affiliates of the underwriters are parties to and lenders under our credit facility. Our credit facility was negotiated on an arm's length basis and contains customary terms pursuant to which the lenders receive customary fees.

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In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates have made or held, and may in the future make or hold, a broad array of investments including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and may have actively traded, and, in the future may actively trade, debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities), and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may have in the past and at any time in the future hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may have involved, and in the future may involve, securities and instruments of our company. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the shares offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the shares offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

## **Lock Up Agreements**

We will enter into a lock-up agreement with the underwriters upon the execution of the underwriting agreement pursuant to which we, for a period of 90 days after the date of the underwriting agreement, may not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any additional shares of our common stock regardless of class or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable, for any shares of our common stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, without the prior written consent of Goldman, Sachs & Co., except for (A) the shares of our common stock to be sold in this offering, (B) the Felix Shares and PRB Shares to be sold by holders thereof, (C) any shares of our common stock issued upon the conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities outstanding (including upon the exercise of an option or warrant or vesting of restricted stock, performance share units or other equity awards), as of the date of the underwriting agreement, (D) any shares of our common stock, options, warrants, restricted stock, performance share units or other equity awards granted pursuant to any of our employee stock plans and equity incentive plans existing on the date of the underwriting agreement, (E) any shares of our common stock, options, warrants, restricted stock and performance share units issued pursuant to dividend re-investment plans existing on the date of the underwriting agreement, and (F) the filing of one or more registration statements on Form S-8 with respect to any of our incentive compensation plans.

Our directors and certain of our executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons, for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, may not, without the prior written consent of Goldman, Sachs & Co., offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, grant any option to purchase, make any short sale or otherwise dispose of any shares of our common stock, or any options or warrants to purchase any shares of common stock, or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive shares of common stock, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired, owned directly by the undersigned (including holding as a custodian) or with respect to which such director or executive officer has beneficial ownership within the rules and regulations of the SEC. These restrictions are in each case subject to certain exceptions, including (A) transfers as a bona fide gift or gifts, (B) transfers to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of such director or executive officer or the immediate family of such director or executive officer, provided that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, (C) if such director or executive officer is a trust, transfers to a trustor or



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beneficiary of the trust, (D) in a distribution to partners, members or shareholders of such director or executive officer, (E) transfers to any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity all of the beneficial ownership interests of which are held by such director or executive officer or the immediate family of such director or executive officer in a transaction not involving a disposition for value, and (F) in connection with the vesting of any restricted stock and restricted stock units, any disposition of Shares, exercise of options or vesting or exercise of any other equity-based award, in each case under the Company's equity incentive plan or any other plan or agreement described in the prospectus included or incorporated by reference, including any dispositions in connection with the cashless exercise, or net share settlement, of stock options or vesting of any restricted stock and restricted stock units, and any open market transactions or net share settlement in connection with the payment of taxes due upon such exercise or vesting, provided that any such shares received upon such exercise or vesting will also be subject to these restrictions; provided, however, it shall be a condition to any transfer permitted under these exceptions that the transferee execute an agreement stating that such transferee is receiving and holding such shares subject to these restrictions and there shall be no further transfer of such shares except in accordance with the lock-up agreement; and provided further, however, it shall be a condition to any transfer permitted under clause (C), (D) or (E) that no public report or filing with the SEC reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of the shares (other than a filing on Form 5 after the expiration of the lock-up period) shall be required or be voluntarily made in connection with such transfer.

In connection with the acquisition of Felix Energy Holdings, LLC, which closed on January 7, 2016, we issued 23,470,000 shares of our common stock to a certain selling stockholder. Such selling stockholder (along with any of its subsequent transferees) agreed not to sell such shares until February 21, 2016.

In connection with the acquisition of certain oil and gas properties in the Powder River Basin, which closed on December 17, 2015, we issued 6,857,488 shares of our common stock to a certain selling stockholder. Such selling stockholder (along with any of its subsequent transferees) agreed not to sell such shares until March 16, 2016.

## **Delivery of the Shares**

We expect that delivery of the shares will be made to investors on or about the closing date set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, which will be the third business day following the date of this prospectus supplement (such settlement being referred to as "T+3").

## **New York Stock Exchange Listing**

The shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "DVN".

## **Selling Restrictions**

### ***European Economic Area***

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;



b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the issuer for any such offer; or

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c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive;

provided that no such offer of shares shall require the issuer or any Underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of shares in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of shares. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of shares in circumstances in which an obligation arises for Devon or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of shares to the public in relation to any shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### ***United Kingdom***

Each Underwriter has represented and agreed that:

a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the shares in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the issuer; and

b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### ***Hong Kong***

The shares may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

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### ***Singapore***

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

### ***Japan***

The securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each Underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### ***United Arab Emirates***

#### **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (EXCLUDING THE DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE)**

The shares have not been, and are not being, publicly offered, sold, promoted or advertised in the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) other than in compliance with the laws of the U.A.E. Prospective investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre should have regard to the specific notice to prospective investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre set out above. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus does not constitute a public offer of shares in the U.A.E. in accordance with the Commercial Companies Law (Federal Law No. 8 of 1984 of the U.A.E., as amended) or otherwise and is not intended to be a public offer. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been approved by or filed with the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates, the Emirates Securities and Commodities Authority or the Dubai Financial Services Authority, or DFSA. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, you should consult an authorized financial adviser. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are provided for the benefit of the recipient only, and should not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP of New York, New York. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP of New York, New York will pass on certain legal matters on behalf of the underwriters.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Devon and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to Devon's oil and gas reserves derived from the reports of LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd. and Deloitte LLP, independent consulting petroleum engineers, has been incorporated by reference herein upon the authority of said firms as experts with respect to matters covered by such reports and in giving such reports.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

As described in the accompanying prospectus under the caption "Where You Can Find More Information," we have incorporated and may incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus certain documents that we have filed or may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, including the following:

1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.
2. Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 27, 2016 (Items 5.03 and 9.01), February 16, 2016 (Items 2.05 and 5.02) and February 16, 2016 (Items 8.01 and 9.01).
3. Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed on April 21, 2015.
4. All documents filed by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and before termination of the offering of securities hereby.

However, no document that we have furnished or may in the future furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act shall be incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus or this prospectus supplement.

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PROSPECTUS

**Devon Energy Corporation**

**COMMON STOCK, PREFERRED STOCK AND**

**DEBT SECURITIES**

By this prospectus, Devon Energy Corporation may offer, from time to time, its common stock, preferred stock and debt securities. We will provide the specific terms of any securities to be offered in a supplement to this prospectus, which may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before investing.

Our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and its trading symbol is DVN. Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed on any securities exchange.

**Investing in securities involves risks. You should carefully read the risk factors included in the applicable prospectus supplement and in our periodic reports and other information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission before investing in our securities.**

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis through a public offering or negotiated purchases. The prospectus supplement for each offering will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering and will set forth the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents involved in the offering and any applicable fees, commissions or discount arrangements.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this Prospectus is December 12, 2014.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell offered securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may include additional risk factors or other special considerations applicable to those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under **Where You Can Find More Information**.

We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any accompanying prospectus supplement. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms **Devon**, **we**, **us** and **our** in this prospectus mean Devon Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION**

Devon is an independent energy company engaged primarily in exploration, development and production of natural gas and oil. Our operations are concentrated in various North American onshore areas in the United States and Canada. In March 2014, Devon, Crosstex Energy, Inc. and Crosstex Energy, LP (together with Crosstex Energy, Inc., Crosstex ) completed a business combination to combine substantially all of Devon's U.S. midstream assets with Crosstex's assets to form a new midstream business. The new business includes EnLink Midstream Partners, LP (the MLP ), a master limited partnership, and EnLink Midstream, LLC ( EnLink ), which indirectly owns the general partner of the MLP. Devon holds a controlling interest in the MLP and EnLink, which are both publicly traded entities. We continue to maintain significant marketing operations for our gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids ( NGLs ) and midstream operations in Canada.

Our principal and administrative offices are located at 333 West Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-5015. Our telephone number at that location is (405) 235-3611.



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**SPECIAL NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, which are identified by the use of the words believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, will, contemplate, would and similar expressions that contemplate future events. Such forward-looking statements are based on management's reasonable current assumptions and expectations. Numerous important factors, risks and uncertainties affect our operating results, including, without limitation, those contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents that we incorporate by reference, and could cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievement to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by these or any other forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. There can be no assurance that future results will meet expectations. You should pay particular attention to the risk factors and cautionary statements referenced in the section of this prospectus, and in any prospectus supplement, entitled Risk Factors. You should also carefully review the risk factors and cautionary statements described in the other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, specifically our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

**RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision and acquiring any offered securities pursuant to this prospectus, you should carefully consider the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement, including, without limitation, the risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference, the risk factors described under the caption Risk Factors in any applicable prospectus supplement and any risk factors set forth in our other filings with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or a part of your investment in the offered securities. See Where You Can Find More Information.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things:

the repayment of outstanding indebtedness;

working capital;

capital expenditures; and

acquisitions.

The precise amount and timing of the application of such proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability and cost of other funds.



**Table of Contents****RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for each of the periods set forth below have been completed on a consolidated basis and should be read in conjunction with Devon's consolidated financial statements, including the accompanying notes thereto, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,					Nine Months
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Ended 2014
	(Dollars in millions)					
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	N/A	8.71	10.74	N/A	1.29	9.77
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	N/A	8.71	10.74	N/A	1.29	9.77
Insufficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges	\$ 4,574	N/A	N/A	\$ 319	N/A	N/A
Insufficiency of earnings to cover combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	\$ 4,574	N/A	N/A	\$ 319	N/A	N/A

N/A means not applicable.

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends were computed based on:

*earnings*, which consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges;

*fixed charges*, which consist of interest expense and one-third of rental expense estimated to be attributable to interest; and

*preferred stock dividends*, which consist of the amount of pre-tax earnings required to pay dividends on the outstanding preferred stock.

**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK****General**

Devon's authorized capital stock consists of:

1.0 billion shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, and

4.5 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

As of November 30, 2014, there were 409,147,482 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

### **Common Stock**

Holders of common stock will be entitled to receive dividends out of legally available funds when and if declared by our board of directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of shares of common stock will be entitled to cast one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. They will not be entitled to cumulative voting rights for the election of directors. The shares of common stock have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for or purchase any of our securities. Upon our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of shares of common stock are entitled to share ratably in any of our assets that remain after payment or provision for payment to creditors and holders of preferred stock.

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### **Preferred Stock**

The preferred stock may be issued in one or more series. Our board may establish attributes of any series, including the designation and number of shares in the series, dividend rates (cumulative or noncumulative), voting rights, redemptions, conversion or preference rights, and any other rights and qualifications, preferences and limitations or restrictions on shares of a series. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of Devon without any vote or action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of shares of common stock. The specific terms of a particular series of preferred stock will be described in a certificate of designation relating to that series.

*Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock.* We have designated 2.9 million shares of preferred stock as series A junior participating preferred stock.

### **DESCRIPTION OF UNDESIGNATED PREFERRED STOCK**

This summary of the undesignated preferred stock discusses terms and conditions that we expect may apply to any series of the preferred stock that may be offered under this prospectus. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of each series of preferred stock actually offered. If indicated in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any series may differ from the terms described below.

We expect the prospectus supplement for any preferred stock that we actually offer pursuant to this prospectus to include some or all of the following terms:

the designation of the series of preferred stock;

the number of shares of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the preferred stock;

the dividend rate or rates of the shares, the method or methods of calculating the dividend rate or rates, the dates on which dividends, if declared, will be payable, and whether or not the dividends are to be cumulative and, if cumulative, the date or dates from which dividends shall be cumulative;

the amounts payable on shares of the preferred stock in the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up;

the redemption rights and price or prices, if any, for the shares of preferred stock;

the terms, and the amount, of any sinking fund or analogous fund providing for the purchase or redemption of the shares of preferred stock;

any restrictions on our ability to make payments on any of our capital stock if dividend or other payments are not made on the preferred stock;

any voting rights granted to the holders of the shares of preferred stock in addition to those required by Delaware law or our certificate of incorporation;

whether the shares of preferred stock will be convertible into shares of our common stock or any other class of our capital stock, and, if convertible, the conversion price or prices, and any adjustment or other terms and conditions upon which the conversion shall be made;

any other rights, preferences, restrictions, limitations or conditions relative to the shares of preferred stock permitted by Delaware law or our certificate of incorporation;

any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange; and

the federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock.



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Subject to our certificate of incorporation and to any limitations imposed by any then outstanding preferred stock, we may issue additional series of preferred stock, at any time or from time to time, with such powers, preferences, rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions as our board of directors determines, and without further action of the stockholders, including holders of our then outstanding preferred stock, if any.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The following description of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which this prospectus and any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of any series of debt securities and the extent to which the general provisions may apply to a particular series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to that series. References in this section to *Devon* mean Devon Energy Corporation and not its subsidiaries.

Any debt securities offered by this prospectus will be issued under one or more indentures between Devon and a trustee. We have summarized selected provisions of the indentures below. Devon senior debt securities are to be issued under an indenture between Devon and UMB Bank, National Association, as trustee (the *Devon senior indenture*), which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Devon subordinated debt securities are to be issued under an indenture (the *Devon subordinated indenture*), which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The *Devon senior indenture* and the *Devon subordinated indenture* are sometimes referred to herein, collectively, as the *indentures* and each, individually, as an *indenture*. You should read the indentures for provisions that may be important to you.

Because we have included only a summary of the indenture terms, you must read the indentures in full to understand every detail of the terms of the debt securities.

The indentures will not limit the amount of debt securities we may issue under them, and will provide that additional debt securities of any series may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount that we authorize from time to time.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue the debt securities in denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Principal and any premium and interest in respect of the debt securities will be payable, and the debt securities will be transferable, at the corporate trust office of the trustee, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. At our option, however, we may pay interest by mailing checks to the registered holders of the debt securities at their registered addresses.

We will describe any special U.S. federal income tax and other considerations relating to the debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **General**

The prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities being offered will specify the amounts, prices and terms of those debt securities. These terms may include:

the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the debt securities;

the date or dates on which the debt securities will mature;

the percentage of the principal amount at which the debt securities will be issued;

the date on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

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the terms of the subordination of any series of Devon subordinated debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be issued as registered securities, bearer securities or a combination of the two;

whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more global securities and whether such global securities will be issued in a temporary global form or permanent global form;

the currency or currencies or currency unit or units of two or more currencies in which debt securities are denominated, for which they may be purchased, and in which principal and any premium and interest is payable;

whether the currency or currencies or currency unit or units for which debt securities may be purchased or in which principal and any premium interest may be paid is at our election or at the election of a purchaser, the manner in which an election may be made and its terms;

the annual rate or rates, which may be fixed or variable, or the method of determining the rate or rates at which the debt securities will bear any interest, whether by remarketing, auction, formula or otherwise;

the date or dates from which any interest will accrue and the date or dates on which such interest will be payable;

a description of any provisions providing for redemption, exchange or conversion of the debt securities at our option, at holder's option or otherwise, and the terms and provisions of such a redemption, exchange or conversion;

information with respect to book-entry procedures relating to global debt securities;

any sinking fund terms;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts, as defined in the indenture, on the debt securities to any holder; the term interest, as used in this prospectus, includes any additional amounts;

any events of default or covenants of Devon with respect to the debt securities of a certain series that are different from those described in this prospectus;

whether and under what circumstances any covenants in the indenture shall be subject to covenant defeasance;

any deletions from, or modifications or additions to, the provisions of the indenture relating to satisfaction and discharge in respect of the debt securities;

any index or other method used to determine the amount of payments of principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities; and

any other specific terms of the debt securities.

We are not obligated to issue all debt securities of any one series at the same time. The debt securities of any one series may not bear interest at the same rate or mature on the same date.

If we sell any of the debt securities for foreign currencies or foreign currency units or if the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any series of debt securities is payable in foreign currencies or foreign currency units, we will describe the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to those debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Except as may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indenture will not limit our ability to incur indebtedness or afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of a decline in our credit quality or if we are involved in a takeover, recapitalization or highly leveraged or similar transaction. The prospectus

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supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities, to the extent not otherwise described in this prospectus, will include any information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the covenants or events of default described below and contained in the indenture, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, Devon's obligation to pay the principal of, and any premium and interest on, its senior debt securities will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of Devon's other unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness.

## **Interest Rates and Discounts**

The debt securities will earn interest at a fixed or floating rate or rates for the period or periods of time specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will bear interest on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

We may sell debt securities at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate that at the time of issuance is below market rates. We will describe the federal income tax consequences and special considerations that apply to those debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **Exchange, Registration and Transfer**

Unless otherwise specified, debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series and of like aggregate principal amount and tenor in different authorized denominations.

You may present debt securities for registration of transfer, together with a duly executed form of transfer, at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for that purpose with respect to any series of debt securities and referred to in the applicable prospectus supplement. This may be done without service charge but upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the indenture. The security registrar or the transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange upon being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of debt securities.

In the event of any redemption, we will not be required to:

execute, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption; or

execute, register the transfer of or exchange any debt security, or portion thereof, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

## **Payment and Paying Agents**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will pay the principal of, and any premium and interest on, debt securities at the office of the paying agent or paying agents that we designate at various times. However, at our option, we may make interest payments by check mailed to the address, as it appears in the security

register, of the person entitled to the payments. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Corporate Trust Office of the trustee in Kansas City, Missouri, will be designated as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities that are issuable solely as registered securities.

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All monies we pay to a paying agent for the payment of principal of, and any premium and interest on, any debt security or coupon that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after becoming due and payable will be repaid to us. After that time, the holder of the debt security or coupon will look only to us for payments out of those repaid amounts.

## **Global Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global certificates that we will deposit with a depository identified in the applicable prospectus supplement, or a custodian for such depository. Global securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities it represents, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole:

by the applicable depository to a nominee of the depository;

by any nominee to the depository itself or another nominee; or

by the depository or any nominee to a successor depository or any nominee of the successor.

We will describe the specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement. We anticipate that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements.

When we issue a global security in registered form, the depository for the global security or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by that global security to the accounts of participants that have accounts with the depository. Those accounts will be designated by the dealers, underwriters or agents with respect to the underlying debt securities or by us if those debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. For interests of participants, ownership of beneficial interests in the global security will be shown on records maintained by the applicable depository or its nominee. For interests of persons other than participants, that ownership information will be shown on the records of participants. Transfer of that ownership will be effected only through those records.

The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These limits and laws may impair your ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

As long as the depository for a global security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of that global security, the depository or nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security:

will not be entitled to have any of the underlying debt securities registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any of the underlying debt securities in definitive form; and

will not be considered the owners or holders under the indenture relating to those debt securities.

We will make payments of principal of, and any premium and interest on, individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee to the depositary or its nominee as the registered owner of the global security representing such debt securities. Neither we, the trustee, any paying agent nor the registrar for the debt securities will be responsible for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made by the depositary or any participants on account of beneficial interests of the global security.



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We expect that the depository or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest relating to a permanent global security representing any series of debt securities, immediately will credit participants' accounts with the payments. Those payments will be credited in amounts proportional to the respective beneficial interests of the participants in the principal amount of the global security as shown on the records of the depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through those participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices. This is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name. Those payments will be the sole responsibility of those participants.

If the depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and we do not appoint a successor depository within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities representing that series. In addition, we may at any time in our sole discretion determine not to have any debt securities of a series represented by one or more global securities. In that event, we will issue individual debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities. Further, if we specify, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security may, on terms acceptable to us, the trustee and the applicable depository, receive individual debt securities of that series in exchange for those beneficial interests. The foregoing is subject to any limitations described in the applicable prospectus supplement. In that instance, the owner of the beneficial interest will be entitled to physical delivery of individual debt securities equal in principal amount to the beneficial interest and to have the debt securities registered in its name. Those individual debt securities will be issued in denominations, unless we specify otherwise, of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

For a description of the depository arrangements for global securities held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, see Book-Entry Securities.

## **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, any one of the following events will constitute an event of default under the indentures with respect to the debt securities of any series issued under the indentures:

if we fail to pay any interest on any debt security of that series when due, and the failure continues for 30 days;

if we fail to pay principal of, or any premium on, the debt securities of that series when due and payable, either at maturity or otherwise;

if we fail to perform or we breach any of our other covenants or warranties in the applicable indentures or in the debt securities of that series, other than a covenant or warranty included in the applicable indenture solely for the benefit of a series of securities other than the debt securities of that series, and that breach or failure continues for 60 days (subject to extension under certain circumstances for another 120 days) after written notice as provided in the applicable indenture;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or certain of our subsidiaries; and

any other event of default provided with respect to the debt securities of that series.

If we fail to pay the principal of, or premium or interest on, the debt securities of any series or we fail to perform or breach any of the other covenants or warranties applicable to the debt securities of that series but not applicable to all outstanding debt securities, and such event of default is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of, and any premium and interest on, the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If an event of default occurs due to default in the performance of any other of the covenants and warranties applicable to all outstanding debt securities or pertaining to certain events of

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bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, and the event of default is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all debt securities then outstanding (considered as one class), may declare the principal amount of, and any premium and interest on, all debt securities to be due and payable immediately. There is no automatic acceleration, even in the event of our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. At any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of money has been obtained by the trustee, we may cause such declaration of acceleration to be rescinded and annulled with respect to the debt securities of any series if we deposit with the trustee an amount sufficient to pay all overdue interest on the debt securities of that series, the principal of and premium, if any, on the debt securities of that series that have become due and payable otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and all amounts due to the trustee and if all other events of default with respect to the debt securities of that series have been cured or waived.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any event of default under the indentures with respect to the debt securities of any series issued under that indenture, the trustee must transmit notice of the event of default to the holders of the debt securities of that series unless the event of default has been cured or waived. The trustee may withhold the notice, however, except in the case of a payment default, if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors or responsible officers of the trustee has in good faith determined that the withholding of the notice is in the interest of the holders of debt securities of that series.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the holders of debt securities of that series by all appropriate judicial proceedings.

Subject to the duty of the trustee during any default to act with the required standard of care, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of debt securities issued under that indenture, unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to indemnifying the trustee, and subject to applicable law and certain other provisions of the indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series issued under that indenture may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series.

## **Defeasance**

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, any debt securities, or portion of the principal amount of the debt securities, will be deemed to have been paid for purposes of the applicable indentures, and, at our election, our entire indebtedness with respect to the debt securities, or portion thereof, will be deemed to have been satisfied and discharged, if we have irrevocably deposited with the trustee or any paying agent other than us, in trust, money, certain eligible obligations, as defined in the applicable indentures, or a combination of the two, sufficient to pay principal of and any premium and interest due and to become due on the debt securities or portions thereof.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe, if applicable, our ability to be released from any of our covenant obligations under the indentures.

## **Modification and Waiver**

The trustee under a particular indenture and Devon may, without the consent of holders, modify or waive provisions of that indenture for certain purposes, including, among other things, curing ambiguities and maintaining the qualification of the applicable indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee under a particular indenture and Devon may modify or waive certain provisions of that indenture with the consent of the

holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each

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series issued under that indenture affected by the modification or waiver. However, the provisions of any indenture may not be waived or modified without the consent of the holders of each debt security affected thereby if the modification or waiver would:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security issued under that indenture;

reduce the principal amount of, or interest on, any debt security issued under the indenture, or change the method of calculating the interest on, or reduce any premium payable upon the redemption of, any such debt security;

change the coin or currency (or other property) in which any debt security issued under that indenture or any premium or any interest on that debt security or any additional amounts with respect to that debt security is payable;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any debt securities issued under that indenture or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date;

reduce the percentage and principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, the consent of the holders of which is required under that indenture in order to take certain actions; or

modify any of the provisions of Sections 12.02, 6.07 (6.06 in the case of the form of Devon subordinated indenture) and 8.13 of each indenture relating to modifying the indenture, waiving certain covenants and waiving past defaults, respectively.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series issued under an indenture may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive our compliance with certain restrictive provisions of that indenture. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of any series issued under either of the indentures may, on behalf of all holders of debt securities of that series, waive any past default and its consequences under that indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series, except:

a payment default with respect to debt securities of that series; or

a default of a covenant or provision of that indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of the debt securities of that series.

**Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets**

We may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any person (as defined in the applicable indenture) unless:

the entity formed by the consolidation or into which we are merged, or the person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, substantially all of our properties and assets:

is organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any domestic jurisdiction or the District of Columbia; and

expressly assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the applicable indenture;

immediately after the transaction becomes effective, no event of default, and no event that would become an event of default, will have occurred and be continuing; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and opinion of counsel as provided in the applicable indenture.

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### **Covenants**

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the following covenants will apply to the senior debt securities issued by Devon. Various capitalized terms used within this Covenants subsection are defined at the end of this subsection.

### ***Liens***

Neither Devon nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur, issue, assume or guarantee any Debt that is secured by a Mortgage on any Principal Property or on any shares of stock or Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary of Devon, without first effectively providing that the securities (together with, if Devon so determines, any other indebtedness of Devon or its Restricted Subsidiaries that is not subordinate in right of payment to the prior right of payment in full of the securities) will be secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, the incurred, issued, assumed or guaranteed secured Debt, for so long as this secured Debt remains so secured.

This limitation on the incurrence, issuance, assumption or guarantee of any Debt secured by a Mortgage will not apply to, and there will be excluded from any secured Debt in any computation under this covenant, Debt secured by:

Mortgages existing at the date of the indenture;

Mortgages on property of, or on any shares of stock or Indebtedness of, any entity existing at the time the entity is merged into or consolidated with Devon or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of Devon;

Mortgages in favor of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

Mortgages securing only Debt owed by one of our Restricted Subsidiaries to us and/or to one or more of our other Restricted Subsidiaries;

Mortgages on property, shares of stock or Indebtedness:

(a) existing at the time of acquisition thereof, including acquisitions through merger, consolidation or other reorganization;

(b) to secure the payment of all or any part of the purchase price thereof or construction thereon; or

(c) to secure any Debt incurred prior to, at the time of, or within one year after the later of the acquisition, the completion of construction or the commencement of full operation of the property or within one year after the acquisition of the shares or Indebtedness for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price thereof or construction thereon;

provided that, if a commitment for the financing is obtained prior to or within this one-year period, the applicable Mortgage will be deemed to be included in this clause whether or not the Mortgage is created within this one-year period;

Mortgages in favor of the United States, any state thereof, Canada, or any province thereof, or any department, agency or instrumentality or political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or in favor of any other country or any political subdivision thereof;

Mortgages on minerals or geothermal resources in place, or on related leasehold or other property interests, that are incurred to finance development, production or acquisition costs, including, but not limited to, Mortgages securing advance sale obligations;

Mortgages on equipment used or usable for drilling, servicing or operating oil, gas, coal or other mineral properties or geothermal properties;

Mortgages required by any contract or statute in order to permit Devon or any of its subsidiaries to perform any contract or subcontract made with or at the request of the United States, any state thereof, Canada, any province thereof, or in favor of any other country or any political subdivision thereof, or any department, agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing;



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any Mortgage resulting from the deposit of moneys or evidence of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing Debt of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured Debt of Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries the net proceeds of which are used, substantially concurrent with the funding thereof, and taking into consideration, among other things, required notices to be given to the holders of the outstanding securities in connection with the refunding, refinancing or repurchase thereof, and the required corresponding durations thereof, to refund, refinance or repurchase all of the outstanding securities, including the amount of all accrued interest thereon and reasonable fees and expenses and premiums, if any, incurred by Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection therewith;

any Ordinary Course Mortgages arising, and only so long as continuing, in the ordinary course of our business; and

any extension, renewal or replacement, or successive extensions, renewals or replacements, of any Mortgage referred to in the foregoing clauses of this covenant, so long as the extension, renewal or replacement Mortgage is limited to all or a part of the same property, including any improvements on the property, shares of stock or Indebtedness that secured the Mortgage so extended, renewed or replaced.

Notwithstanding anything mentioned above, Devon and any one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur, issue, assume or guarantee Debt secured by Mortgages that would otherwise be subject to the above restrictions if the aggregate amount of the Debt secured by the Mortgages, together with the outstanding principal amount of all other secured Debt of Devon and its Restricted Subsidiaries that would otherwise be subject to the above restrictions, does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The following transactions shall not be deemed to create Debt secured by a Mortgage:

the sale or other transfer of oil, gas, coal or other minerals in place for a period of time until, or in an amount such that, the transferee will realize therefrom a specified amount of money, however determined, or a specified amount of oil, gas, coal or other minerals, or the sale or other transfer of any other interest in property of the character commonly referred to as an oil, gas, coal or other mineral payment or a production payment, and including, in any case, overriding royalty interests, net profit interests, reversionary interests and carried interests and other similar burdens on production; and

the sale or other transfer by Devon or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of properties to a partnership, joint venture or other entity whereby Devon or the Restricted Subsidiary would retain partial ownership of the properties.

***Definitions***

*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* means, calculated as of the date of the financial statements for the most recently ended fiscal quarter or fiscal year, as applicable, prior to the date of determination, the aggregate amount of assets of Devon, less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items but including investments in non-consolidated entities, after deducting therefrom:

all current liabilities, excluding any portion thereof constituting Funded Debt by reason of being renewable or extendible at the option of the obligor beyond 12 months from the date of determination; and

all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expenses and other like intangibles, all as set forth on a consolidated balance sheet of Devon and computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

*Debt* means indebtedness for money borrowed.

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*Funded Debt* means all Debt of Devon or any of its subsidiaries for money borrowed which is not by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the securities or to Devon's full and unconditional guarantee in respect thereof, as applicable, having a maturity of more than 12 months from the date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined or having a maturity of fewer than 12 months but by its terms being:

renewable or extendible beyond 12 months from such date at the option of the obligor; or

issued in connection with a commitment by a bank or other financial institution to lend so that the indebtedness is treated as though it had a maturity in excess of 12 months pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

*Indebtedness* means Debt and the deferred purchase price of property or assets purchased.

*Mortgage* means and includes any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance.

*Offshore* means the lands beneath the navigable waters of the U.S. or Canada, or the continental shelf of the U.S. or Canada.

*Ordinary Course Mortgages* means:

Mortgages for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on the property of Devon or any Restricted Subsidiary if the same shall not at the time be delinquent or thereafter can be paid without penalty, or are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles shall have been set aside on Devon's books;

Mortgages imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's, landlords' and mechanics' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure obligations not more than 60 days past due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles shall have been set aside on Devon's books;

Mortgages arising out of pledges or deposits under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security or retirement benefits, or similar legislation;

Utility easements, building restrictions and such other encumbrances or charges against real property as are of a nature generally existing with respect to properties of a similar character and which do not in any material way affect the marketability of the same or interfere with the use thereof in the business of Devon or any Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be;

Mortgages arising under operating agreements or similar agreements in respect of obligations which are not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;

Mortgages reserved in oil, gas and/or mineral leases for bonus or rental payments and for compliance with the terms of such leases;

Mortgages pursuant to partnership agreements, oil, gas and/or mineral leases, farm-out-agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, purchase, exchange, or processing of oil, gas and/or other hydrocarbons, unitization and pooling declarations and agreements, operating agreements, development agreements, area of mutual interest agreements, forward sale agreements, oil and gas delivery obligations, and other agreements which are customary in the oil, gas and other mineral exploration, development and production business and in the business of processing of gas and gas condensate production of the extraction of products therefrom;

Mortgages on personal property (excluding the capital stock or indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary) securing indebtedness maturing not more than one year from the date of its creation; and

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Mortgages relating to a judgment or other court-ordered award or settlement as to which Devon has not exhausted its appellate rights.

*Principal Property* means any oil, gas or mineral producing property, or any refining, processing, smelting or manufacturing facility located in the U.S., Canada or Offshore, other than:

property employed in transportation, distribution or marketing;

information and electronic data processing equipment; or

any property that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of Devon, is not materially important to the total business conducted by Devon and its subsidiaries as an entirety.

*Restricted Subsidiary* means Devon Financing Company, L.L.C. and any other subsidiary of Devon:

a substantial portion of the property of which is located, or a substantial portion of the business of which is carried on, within the U.S., Canada or Offshore;

that owns or leases under a capital lease any Principal Property; and

that has Stockholders' Equity exceeding 5% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

*Stockholders' Equity* means, with respect to any corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, unlimited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization or government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, stockholders' equity, as computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

## **The Trustee**

We may appoint a separate trustee for any series of debt securities. In the description of a series of debt securities, the term *trustee* refers to the trustee appointed with respect to such series of debt securities. The trustee may be a depository for funds and perform other services for, and may transact other banking business with, Devon and its subsidiaries in the normal course of business.

## **Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities**

Our obligations pursuant to any Devon subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. The Devon subordinated indenture does not limit the amount of senior indebtedness we may incur. It also does not limit us from issuing any other secured or unsecured debt.



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**BOOK-ENTRY SECURITIES**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue securities, other than our common stock, to investors in the form of one or more book-entry certificates registered in the name of a depository or a nominee of a depository. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the depository will be DTC. We have been informed by DTC that its nominee will be Cede & Co., or Cede. Accordingly, Cede is expected to be the initial registered holder of all securities that are issued in book-entry form.

No person that acquires a beneficial interest in securities issued in book-entry form will be entitled to receive a certificate representing those securities, except as set forth in this prospectus or in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless and until definitive securities are issued under the limited circumstances described below, all references to actions by holders or beneficial owners of securities issued in book-entry form will refer to actions taken by DTC upon instructions from its participants, and all references to payments and notices to holders or beneficial owners will refer to payments and notices to DTC or Cede, as the registered holder of such securities.

DTC has informed us that it is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under New York banking laws;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York banking laws;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act.

DTC has also informed us that it was created to:

hold securities for participants; and

facilitate the computerized settlement of securities transactions among participants through computerized electronic book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for the physical movement of securities certificates.

Participants have accounts with DTC and include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to the DTC system also is available to indirect participants such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

Persons that are not participants or indirect participants but desire to buy, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of or interests in securities may do so only through participants and indirect participants. Under the book-entry system, beneficial owners may experience some delay in receiving payments, as payments will be forwarded by our agent to Cede, a nominee for DTC. These payments will be forwarded to DTC's participants, which thereafter will forward them to indirect participants or beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not be recognized by the applicable registrar, transfer agent, trustee or depository as registered holders of the securities entitled to the benefits of the certificate, the indenture or any deposit agreement. Beneficial owners that are not participants will be permitted to exercise their rights as an owner only indirectly through participants and, if applicable, indirect participants.

Under the current rules and regulations affecting DTC, DTC will be required to make book-entry transfers of securities among participants and to receive and transmit payments to participants. Participants and indirect participants with whom beneficial owners of securities have accounts are also required by these rules to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective account holders.



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Because DTC can act only on behalf of participants, who in turn act only on behalf of other participants or indirect participants, and on behalf of certain banks, trust companies and other persons approved by it, the ability of a beneficial owner of securities issued in book-entry form to pledge those securities to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system may be limited due to the unavailability of physical certificates for the securities.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a registered holder of any securities under the certificate, the indenture or any deposit agreement only at the direction of one or more participants to whose accounts with DTC the securities are credited.

According to DTC, it has provided information with respect to DTC to its participants and other members of the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, a book-entry security will be exchangeable for definitive securities registered in the names of persons other than DTC or its nominee only if:

DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the book-entry security or DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act at a time when DTC is required to be so registered; or

we execute and deliver to the applicable registrar, transfer agent, trustee and/or depository an order complying with the requirements of the certificate, the indenture or any deposit agreement that the book-entry security will be so exchangeable.

Any book-entry security that is exchangeable in accordance with the preceding sentence will be exchangeable for securities registered in such names as DTC directs.

If one of the events described in the immediately preceding paragraph occurs, DTC is generally required to notify all participants of the availability through DTC of definitive securities. Upon surrender by DTC of the book-entry security representing the securities and delivery of instructions for re-registration, the registrar, transfer agent, trustee or depository, as the case may be, will reissue the securities as definitive securities. After reissuance of the securities, such persons will recognize the beneficial owners of such definitive securities as registered holders of securities.

Except as described above:

a book-entry security may not be transferred except as a whole book-entry security by or among DTC, a nominee of DTC and/or a successor depository appointed by us; and

DTC may not sell, assign or otherwise transfer any beneficial interest in a book-entry security unless the beneficial interest is in an amount equal to an authorized denomination for the securities evidenced by the book-entry security.

None of Devon, the trustees, any registrar and transfer agent or any depository, or any agent of any of them, will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of DTC's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on

account of, beneficial interests in a book-entry security.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the securities through agents, underwriters or dealers, or directly to one or more purchasers without using underwriters or agents.

We may designate agents who agree to use their reasonable efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment or to sell securities on a continuing basis.

If we use underwriters for a sale of securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own accounts. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities offered if any of those securities are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and may be changed from time to time.

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on their resale of the securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. The applicable prospectus supplement will identify any underwriters, dealers or agents and will describe their compensation. We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with or perform services for us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of their businesses.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than the common stock, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchange, but we are not obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in a class or series of securities, but the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and for any underwriters by legal counsel named in the prospectus supplement.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Devon and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain information with respect to Devon's oil and gas reserves derived from the reports of LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd. and Deloitte LLP, independent consulting petroleum engineers, has been incorporated by reference herein upon the authority of said firms as experts with respect to matters covered by such reports and in giving such reports.



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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. Instead, the SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that we have previously filed with the SEC. These documents contain important information about Devon.

1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.
2. Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014.
3. Our Definitive Proxy Statement filed April 22, 2014.
4. Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 22, 2014, January 27, 2014, February 7, 2014, February 18, 2014, March 3, 2014 (2.01 and 9.01 only), March 10, 2014, May 8, 2014, May 19, 2014, June 5, 2014, October 14, 2014 (Item 8.01 only) and December 8, 2014 (Item 5.03 only).
5. The description of our Common Stock set forth in Exhibit 4.9 to our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed August 18, 1999, including any amendment or report filed for the purposes of updating such description. We are also incorporating by reference additional documents that we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus but before the completion of the offering. Current Reports on Form 8-K containing only disclosure furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of Form 8-K are not incorporated herein by reference.

We will provide documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus without charge, excluding all exhibits unless we have specifically incorporated by reference an exhibit in this prospectus. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (at no cost) by requesting them in writing, by e-mail or by telephone from us at the following address:

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Devon Energy Corporation, 333 West Sheridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-5015 Attention: Corporate Secretary, Telephone: (405) 235-3611, CorporateSecretary@dvn.com.

You can also get more information by visiting our website at <http://www.devonenergy.com>. Website materials are not part of this prospectus.

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**Devon Energy Corporation**

55,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

***Book-Running Manager***

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**

February , 2016