



AltaLink, L.P.

Financial Statements

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Partners of AltaLink, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of AltaLink, L.P., which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in partners' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AltaLink, L.P. as at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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Chartered Accountants
February 19, 2015
Calgary, Canada

Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	As at	
		December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 12,759	\$ 5,852
Trade and other receivables	6	143,523	125,988
		156,282	131,840
Non-current			
Goodwill		202,066	202,066
Intangible assets	7	251,063	226,686
Property, plant and equipment	8	6,857,556	5,132,027
Third party deposits	9	51,483	107,565
Other non-current assets	10	80,731	58,009
		\$ 7,599,181	\$ 5,858,193
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY			
Current			
Trade and other payables	11	\$ 452,780	\$ 432,498
Commercial paper and bank credit facilities	12	121,152	42,461
Current portion of deferred revenue	13	64,933	34,035
		638,865	508,994
Non-current			
Long-term debt	12	3,673,863	2,685,226
Deferred revenue	13	790,675	730,485
Third party deposits liability	9	51,483	107,565
Other non-current liabilities	14	12,553	12,347
		5,167,439	4,044,617
Commitments and contingencies	22, 23		
Partners' equity		2,431,742	1,813,576
		\$ 7,599,181	\$ 5,858,193

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors

[Original Signed David Tuer]

David Tuer
Director

[Original Signed Patricia Nelson]

Patricia Nelson
Director

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	Year ended	
		December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
Revenue			
Operations	17	\$ 679,962	\$ 502,973
Other	18	48,466	31,099
		728,428	534,072
Expenses			
Operating	19	(115,281)	(89,996)
Property taxes, salvage and other	19	(78,308)	(52,270)
Depreciation and amortization		(169,118)	(133,074)
		(362,707)	(275,340)
		365,721	258,732
Finance costs	12	(133,662)	(91,264)
Loss on disposal of assets		(15,873)	(5,840)
Net income		216,186	161,628
Other comprehensive income			
Actuarial (loss) gain	15	(470)	2,746
Total comprehensive income		\$ 215,716	\$ 164,374

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Partners' Equity

	Units	Allocation to Limited Partner	Allocation to General Partner	Total Retained Earnings	Partners' Capital	Total
<i>(in thousands)</i>						
As at January 1, 2013	331,904	\$ 295,602	\$ 64	\$ 295,666	\$ 1,054,236	\$ 1,349,902
Total comprehensive income	—	164,358	16	164,374	—	164,374
Equity investment received	—	—	—	—	337,500	337,500
Distributions paid	—	(38,196)	(4)	(38,200)	—	(38,200)
Balance at December 31, 2013	331,904	421,764	76	421,840	1,391,736	1,813,576
Total comprehensive income	—	215,694	22	215,716	—	215,716
Equity investment received	—	—	—	—	445,600	445,600
Distributions paid	—	(43,146)	(4)	(43,150)	—	(43,150)
Balance at December 31, 2014	331,904	\$ 594,312	\$ 94	\$ 594,406	\$ 1,837,336	\$ 2,431,742

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

	Notes	Year ended	
		December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income		\$ 216,186	\$ 161,628
Adjustments for			
Depreciation and amortization		169,118	133,074
Third party contributions revenue		(20,038)	(14,816)
Loss on disposal of assets		15,873	5,840
Change in other items	21	(28,144)	(31,782)
Change in non-cash working capital items	21	(29,388)	55,223
Net cash provided by operating activities		323,607	309,167
Cash flows from investing activities			
Capital expenditures	21	(1,901,788)	(1,720,498)
Use of third party contributions		116,045	174,552
Proceeds from disposal of assets		180	1,177
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,785,563)	(1,544,769)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Senior debt issued		994,081	1,225,000
Senior debt repaid		—	(325,000)
Use of commercial paper and bank credit facilities		78,691	40,683
Distributions paid		(43,150)	(38,200)
Equity investment received		445,600	337,500
Change in other financing activities	21	(6,359)	(7,770)
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,468,863	1,232,213
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		6,907	(3,389)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		5,852	9,241
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		\$ 12,759	\$ 5,852
Supplementary cash flow information			
Interest paid		\$ (133,076)	\$ (77,930)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

1. General information

AltaLink, L.P. (the Partnership or AltaLink) was formed under the laws of the Province of Alberta in Canada on July 3, 2001, to own and operate regulated transmission assets in Alberta. The Partnership's registered office is located at 2611 - 3rd Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 7W7. The Partnership has one limited partner, AltaLink Investments, L.P. (AILP), and is managed by AltaLink Management Ltd. (the General Partner). Although the General Partner holds legal title to the assets, the Partnership is the beneficial owner and assumes all risks and rewards of the assets.

On December 1, 2014, BHE Canada Holdings Corporation (BHE), formerly known as MidAmerican (Alberta) Canada Holdings Corporation, became the sole owner of the Partnership by acquiring 100 percent of SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.'s (SNC) interest in AltaLink. BHE and SNC received approvals for the sale from the Government of Canada and the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

The Partnership is regulated by the AUC, pursuant to the Electric Utilities Act (Alberta) (EUA), the Public Utilities Act (Alberta), the AUC Act (Alberta), and the Hydro and Electric Energy Act (Alberta). These statutes and their respective regulations cover matters such as tariffs, construction, operations, financing and accounting. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) administers the transmission of all electrical energy through the Alberta Interconnected Electric System in the Province of Alberta.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Partnership operated solely in one reportable geographical and business segment.

2. Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

These annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The Partnership has applied the IFRS standards and IFRS Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) interpretations that are currently applicable.

The principal accounting policies adopted to prepare these financial statements are set out below. The financial statements reflect the financial position and financial performance of the Partnership and do not include all of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the partners.

These financial statements were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on February 19, 2015.

Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern and historical cost basis except for provisions, accrued employment benefits liabilities and certain financial assets and liabilities related to regulated activities, which are measured initially at fair value. Financial assets and liabilities related to regulated activities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Partnership's functional currency.

Use of estimates and judgement

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Judgements made by management that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

As a regulated utility, the Partnership records certain amounts at estimated values until these amounts are finalized. The Partnership bases its estimates and judgements on historical experience, including experience with regulatory processes, current conditions and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These factors form the basis for making judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. They are also the basis for identifying and assessing the Partnership's accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Significant estimates include:

- Expected regulatory decisions on matters that may impact revenue;
- The recovery and settlement of financial assets and liabilities related to regulated activities, including prudence reviews by the AUC of direct assigned capital deferral account (DACDA) applications;
- Key economic assumptions used in cash flow projections;
- The estimated useful lives of assets;
- The recoverability of tangible and intangible assets, including estimates of future costs to retire physical assets or the recoverability of costs associated with direct assigned projects that have been delayed in the regulatory process;
- The recoverability of intangible assets with indefinite lives, such as goodwill; and
- The accruals for capital projects and payroll.

The Partnership applies changes in estimates prospectively as they result from new information. To the extent that a change in accounting estimate gives rise to changes in assets or liabilities, or relates to an item of equity, the Partnership adjusts the carrying amount of the related asset or liability in the period of the change.

The Partnership discloses the nature and amount of a material change in an accounting estimate that has an effect in the current period. It also discloses the nature and amount of a material change in an accounting estimate that is expected to have an effect in future periods, except when it is impracticable to estimate that effect, in which case the Partnership discloses that fact.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Regulation of transmission tariff

The Partnership operates under cost-of-service regulation in accordance with the EUA. The AUC must provide the Partnership with a reasonable opportunity to recover its prudently incurred and forecasted costs, including operating expenses, depreciation, cost-of-debt, capital and taxes associated with investment, and a fair return on investment. Fair return is determined on the basis of return on rate base and allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) for non-direct-assigned projects included in construction work-in-progress (CWIP). Since 2011 the AUC has authorized accelerated recovery of AFUDC for direct-assigned projects, which is referred to as "CWIP in rate base". The Partnership applies for a transmission tariff based on forecasted costs-of-service. Once approved, the transmission tariff is not adjusted if actual costs-of-service differ from forecast, except for certain prescribed costs for which deferral and reserve accounts are established within the transmission tariff. The transmission tariff is received from the AESO in equal monthly installments. All tariff adjustments arising from deferral or reserve accounts relate to services provided to the AESO during the test years, and settlement of these accounts with the AESO is not contingent on providing future services.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

If, in management's judgement, a reasonable estimate can be made of the impact future regulatory decisions may have on the current period's financial statements, such an estimate will be recorded in the current period. When the AUC issues a decision affecting the financial statements of a prior period, the effects of the decision are recorded in the period in which the decision is issued.

Revenue recognition

Revenues from regulated activities represent the inflow of economic benefits earned during the period arising in the ordinary course of the Partnership's operating activities. Such revenues are recognized on the accrual basis in accordance with tariffs approved by the AUC, and estimates of revenues related to services provided but not yet billed to the AESO, including revenues arising from deferral accounts. The Partnership does not recognize revenue for any portion of tariffs received but not earned. Unearned tariffs are classified as financial liabilities related to regulated activities or deferred revenue in the financial statements.

Other revenue represents revenue received from third parties and includes, but is not limited to, cost recoveries for services provided to other utilities. Other revenue is recognized on the accrual basis as the costs are incurred. Rental income from third parties is recognized on a straight-line basis over the contract term.

Financial assets and liabilities related to regulated activities

The regulatory and legal rights and obligations under which the Partnership operates assign the Partnership the right to bill and collect financial assets related to regulated activities from the AESO. The AESO is the Partnership's single counterparty for regulated activities and amounts billed to it by the Partnership are based on specific amounts and timing approved by the AUC. There is no future performance required by the Partnership to recover these amounts. Long-term amounts due from the AESO earn a regulatory return and are discounted at a market rate of interest.

The regulatory and legal rights and obligations under which the Partnership operates also require the Partnership to refund to the AESO certain amounts that have been received in tariff revenue that are greater than its actual expenses. Such financial liabilities related to regulated activities due to the AESO within 12 months are not discounted. Amounts due to the AESO beyond the next 12 months are discounted at a market rate of interest.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment (PP&E) are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. The initial cost of an asset consists of its purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into operation, and for qualifying assets, borrowing costs that are eligible to be recovered over the estimated useful life of the asset. The Partnership capitalizes major replacements and upgrades if these costs extend the life of the asset and the Partnership expects to use these items during more than one period. Maintenance and repair costs are recognized as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated over the estimated useful lives of assets on a straight-line basis based on depreciation studies prepared by an independent expert. The expected useful lives of the assets are reviewed annually, and if necessary, changes in useful lives are accounted for prospectively.

When an asset is retired or disposed of in the normal course of business, the gain or loss is recognized immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Generally, losses or gains are recoverable from/repayable to the AESO through future transmission tariffs. AltaLink recognizes the related amounts in revenue and records the amount as financial assets or liabilities related to regulated activities. Construction work in progress, capital inventory and land are capitalized but not depreciated. These assets are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Reviews of PP&E to establish whether there has been any impairment are carried out when a change in circumstance is identified that indicates an asset might be impaired.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of operations acquired. The Partnership's goodwill relates to the 2002 acquisition of assets from TransAlta Energy Corporation. Goodwill is carried at initial cost less any write-down for impairment. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually, and more frequently if there is any indication of impairment.

The Partnership's business represents one single cash generating unit. Goodwill is first assessed for impairment and fully written down before any other assets are assessed for impairment.

To date, the goodwill balance has not been written down. If goodwill was fully written down, the Partnership would then test other assets for impairment by assessing their value in use in the business as a whole. The estimated future cash flows for the business would be discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the business and relevant market assessments of the time value of money. If the carrying amounts of the assets exceeded the recoverable amount of the business, the assets comprising the business as a whole would be considered to be impaired. If impaired, the assets would be written down proportionately to ensure their carrying amounts reflect the recoverable amount and the impairment loss would be recognized immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amounts of assets other than goodwill would be increased to reflect the lesser of the recoverable amount and the carrying amount that would have been determined, had no impairment loss been recognized in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss would be recognized immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Management performed an annual goodwill impairment test in November 2014 by examining the business and regulatory environment, current market conditions, the ownership structure, financing activities, credit ratings, and interest rates. It performed a qualitative assessment, which compared favourably to the carrying amount of goodwill. Management concluded that there have been no significant changes in circumstances during the year, and that the carrying value of the goodwill has not been impaired.

Intangible assets

The Partnership's intangible assets are non-monetary assets without physical substance that can be individually identified and consist of the following:

Land rights

The Partnership pays fees to third parties to access, survey, build and maintain transmission facilities on third party land. Land rights are reported at cost less accumulated amortization and impairments, if any. Land rights are amortized on a straight-line basis at rates based on the estimated useful lives of tangible assets located on these lands. Changes to amortization rates are accounted for on a prospective basis.

Computer software

Computer software includes application software and enterprise resource planning software. Computer software is reported at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis at rates based on the estimated useful lives of assets. Changes to amortization rates are accounted for on a prospective basis.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Third party deposits

Third party deposits are recognized as non-current assets with corresponding non-current liabilities. These deposits have certain restrictions attached and can be used only for their intended purpose, as follows:

Contributions in advance of construction

For certain projects, the AESO requires third parties wishing to interconnect to the Partnership's transmission facilities to contribute their share of capital project costs in advance of construction. The Partnership uses these cash contributions to fund capital expenditures as construction progresses. Third party contributions are recorded as deferred revenue when capital funds are expended and recognized into other revenue over the useful lives of the associated assets.

Operating and maintenance charges in advance of construction

Certain third parties were required to provide advance funding for future operating and maintenance costs of assets constructed with third party-contributed funds. After these assets were put into service, these contributions were recorded as deferred revenue and recognized into other revenue as operating costs were incurred over the useful lives of the associated assets.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash equivalents include investments that are readily convertible into a known amount of cash and have an original maturity of three months or less.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Partnership has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to fulfill the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the Statement of Financial Position date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as a finance cost.

Employee benefit obligations

The General Partner employs staff and provides administrative and operational services to the Partnership on a cost-reimbursement basis. The Partnership bears all of the related expenses and also bears the risk and reward of staff-related programs which the General Partner establishes. The Partnership has indemnified the General Partner for all costs and liabilities associated with its employment of staff. As such, the employee future benefit plans of the General Partner are reported as if they were provided by the Partnership even though the legal sponsor of the plans and employer of the staff is the General Partner. Current service costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Defined contribution plan

AltaLink's defined contribution plan is a post-employment plan under which the Partnership and employees pay fixed contributions into the plan and the Partnership has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to the plan are recognized as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Other plans

The cost of the Partnership's post-retirement benefits plan is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method, pro-rated on service and management's assumptions to estimate discount rates and expected growth rate of health care costs. The liability discount rate is determined based on a portfolio of high-quality corporate bonds with cash flows that match the expected benefit payments under the plan.

Actuarial gains and losses in the Partnership's post-retirement benefit plan arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged to other comprehensive income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise.

Past service costs are recognized immediately in income.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as the related service is provided.

A liability is recognized for the amount expected to be paid under the short-term incentive plan if the Partnership has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by employees, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Long-term employee benefits

Long-term employee benefit obligations are measured on a discounted basis and expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as the related service is provided.

A liability is recognized for the amount expected to be paid under the long-term incentive plan if the Partnership has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by employees, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Short-term and long-term debt

Short-term and long-term debt are measured initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost. Costs incurred to arrange long-term debt financing are offset against the debt amount and amortized using the effective interest rate method. The amortization of these charges is included in finance costs.

Income taxes

As a limited partnership, AltaLink does not pay income taxes. Instead, the tax consequences of its operations are borne by its partners on a pro rata basis in proportion to their interest in the Partnership. Accordingly, no income tax expense is recognized in the financial statements. Any reference to income tax in these statements relates to the recovery in transmission tariff revenue of tax expense borne by the partners.

Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates in effect at the Statement of Financial Position date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction except for depreciation and amortization, which are translated at the exchange rate prevailing when the related assets were acquired. Gains and losses on translation are reflected in income when incurred.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Deferred lease inducements

Deferred lease inducements represent leasehold improvements paid for by the lessors. Deferred lease inducements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the initial terms of the leases, and the amortization is recorded as a reduction of lease expense. The unamortized balance in deferred lease inducements is included in other liabilities.

Leases

All of the Partnership's leases are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Capitalized borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are capitalized if they are incurred in connection with the acquisition or production of a "qualifying asset" for which a considerable period of time is required to prepare the asset for its intended use.

The Partnership borrows funds to provide financing for its capital construction program. Borrowing costs eligible for capitalization are applied to capital expenditures unless the borrowing costs are eligible to be recovered through transmission tariffs in the year in which the costs are incurred. The capitalization rate is based on actual costs of debt used to finance the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets.

4. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

New standards effective beginning on or after January 1, 2014

IFRIC 21 – *Levies* was issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in May 2013 and is an interpretation of IAS 37 – *Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets*. The interpretation clarifies the obligating event that gives rise to a liability to pay a levy. IFRIC 21 is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The Partnership has evaluated the impact of this interpretation on its financial statements and it did not have any material impact.

Amendments to standards effective beginning on or after January 1, 2014

In December 2013, the IASB issued amendments to seven standards under its Annual Improvements Project for 2010-2012. Amended standards include IFRS 2 – *Share-based payment*, IFRS 3 – *Business combinations*, IFRS 8 – *Operating segments*, IFRS 13 – *Fair value measurement*, IAS 16 – *Property, plant and equipment*, IAS 24 – *Related party disclosures*, and IAS 38 – *Intangible assets*. These amendments are effective for financial periods beginning on or after July 1, 2014. These amendments did not have a material impact on the Partnership's financial statements or its disclosures.

In December 2013, the IASB also issued amendments to a number of standards under its Annual Improvements Project for 2011-2013. Amendments to the following standards are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014: IAS 32 – *Financial instruments: presentation*, IFRS 10 – *Consolidated financial statements*, IFRS 12 – *Disclosure of interests in other entities*, IAS 27 – *Separate financial statements*, IAS 39 – *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*, IAS 36 – *Impairment of assets*. In addition, amendments to the following standards are effective for financial periods beginning on or after July 1, 2014: IFRS 1 – *First-time adoption of IFRS*, IFRS 3 – *Business combinations*, IFRS 13 – *Fair value measurement*, IAS 40 – *Investment property*, and IAS 19 – *Employee benefits*. These amendments did not have a material impact on the Partnership's financial statements or its disclosures.

Amendments to IAS 1 – *Presentation of financial statements*, IAS 19 – *Employee benefits* and IFRS 7 – *Financial instruments: disclosures* were issued by the IASB in 2011. These amendments are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. These amendments did not have a material impact on the Partnership's financial statements or its disclosures.

4. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards (cont'd)

Effective after 2014

IFRS 14 – *Regulatory deferral accounts* was issued by the IASB in January 2014 to provide interim guidance for the recognition of amounts related to rate-regulated activities until the IASB completes its comprehensive project on this topic. IFRS 14 is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016. As the interim standard is restricted to first-time adopters of IFRS, and the Partnership has been fully compliant with IFRS since 2011, the issuance of the interim standard does not have any impact on the Partnership's financial statements or its disclosures.

IFRS 15 – *Revenue from contracts with customers* was issued by the IASB in May 2014, jointly with the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board, to provide a single revenue model to use in the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. The new standard requires entities to recognize revenue in a manner that reflects the payments expected to be received by the entities in exchange for the provision of goods or services. It also provides improved guidance for recognition, measurement and disclosure of service revenue and multiple element arrangements. IFRS 15 is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.

In addition, the IASB issued amendments to the following standards in May 2014: IFRS 11 – *Joint arrangements*, IAS 16 – *Property, plant and equipment*, and IAS 38 – *Intangible assets*. These amendments are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016. These are relatively minor amendments and the Partnership is evaluating the impact of these amendments on its financial statements.

On July 24, 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9 – *Financial instruments*, which is the final element of its comprehensive revision of reporting requirements for financial instruments. IFRS 9 includes a logical model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking “expected loss” impairment model and a substantially-reformed approach to hedge accounting. This standard will replace IAS 39 – *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*, and is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of IFRS 9 on its financial statements and it is not expected to have a material impact.

On September 25, 2014, the IASB also issued amendments to four standards under its Annual Improvements Project for 2012-2014. Amendments to the following standards are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016: IFRS 5 – *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations*, IFRS 7 – *Financial instruments: disclosures*, IAS 19 – *Employee benefits*, and IAS 34 – *Interim financial reporting*. These are relatively minor amendments and the Partnership is evaluating the impact of these amendments on its financial statements.

In addition, the IASB issued narrow-scope amendments to IAS 27 – *Separate financial statements* in August 2014, and to IFRS 10 – *Consolidated financial statements*, and IAS 28 – *Investments in associates and joint ventures* in September 2014. These amendments are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016. These are relatively minor amendments and the Partnership is evaluating the impact of these amendments on its financial statements.

On December 18, 2014, the IASB also issued amendments to IFRS 10 – *Consolidated financial statements*, IFRS 12 – *Disclosure of interests in other entities*, IAS 28 – *Investments in associates and joint ventures*, and IAS 1 – *Presentation of financial statements*. These amendments are effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016. These are relatively minor amendments and the Partnership is evaluating the impact of these amendments on its financial statements.

5. Risk management and financial instruments

Fair value of financial instruments

Financial Instrument	Designated Category	Measurement Basis	Associated Risks	Fair Value at December 31, 2014
Cash and cash equivalents	Fair value through profit or loss (Held for trading)	Fair value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Credit Liquidity 	Cash and cash equivalents earn interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.
Trade and other receivables <i>[note 6]</i>	Loans and receivables	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit Liquidity 	Carrying value approximates fair value due to short-term nature.
Other non-current assets <i>[note 10]</i>	Loans and receivables	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit Liquidity 	Amortized cost or carrying value approximates fair value due to nature of asset.
Trade and other payables <i>[note 11]</i>	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquidity 	Carrying value approximates fair value due to short-term nature.
Other non-current liabilities <i>[note 14]</i>	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquidity 	Amortized cost or carrying value approximates fair value due to nature of liability.
Debt <i>[note 12]</i>	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Liquidity 	\$4,176.8 million. Fair values are determined using quoted market prices (which are classified as level 1 inputs) for the same or similar issues.
Third party deposits <i>[note 9]</i>	Fair value through profit or loss (Held for trading)	Fair value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Credit Liquidity 	The cash received is held in short-term investments.
Third party deposits liability <i>[note 9]</i>	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquidity 	Carrying value approximates fair value due to the nature of the liability.

The Partnership currently does not use hedges or other derivative financial instruments in its operations.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause the Partnership to incur a financial loss. There is exposure to credit risk on all financial assets included in the Statement of Financial Position. To help manage this risk:

- The Partnership has a policy for establishing credit limits;
- Collateral may be required where appropriate; and
- Exposure to individual entities is managed through a system of credit limits.

The Partnership has a concentration of credit risk as approximately 84% of its trade receivable balance is due from the AESO (December 31, 2013 – approximately 93%). The credit risk is mitigated by the fact that the AESO is an AA- rated entity by Standard & Poors, and it has been established under the EUA, while the remaining receivables are mostly due from investment grade utilities, comprised mainly of amounts due for tower and land rents and other services.

The Partnership's maximum exposure to credit risk, without taking into account collateral held, equals the current carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, financial assets due from the AESO and third party deposits as disclosed in these financial statements.

5. Risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Components of market risk to which the Partnership is exposed are discussed below:

Interest rate risk

The Partnership does not have significant exposure to interest rate risk. To manage interest rate risk, the Partnership controls the proportion of floating rate debt relative to fixed rate debt. In addition, the Partnership maintains access to diverse sources of funding under its established capital markets platform.

It is the Partnership's practice to finance substantially all of its debt requirements with long-term debt securities for which interest rates are fixed during the entire term of each security, generally ranging from five to fifty years from the date of issue. To manage short-term liquidity requirements, the Partnership has established bank credit facilities under which interest rates may vary daily unless the Partnership elects to issue bankers' acceptances or commercial paper under which interest rates are fixed during the entire term, typically ranging from one week to ninety days from the date of issue. It is the Partnership's practice to issue commercial paper for substantially all of its short-term funding requirements. The Partnership may be exposed to interest rate risk upon the rollover of debt at maturity or the issuance of new debt.

Foreign exchange risk

The Partnership does not have a significant exposure to foreign exchange risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of the Partnership's operational liquidity requirements:

- It may not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the due date;
- It may be forced to sell financial assets below their fair market value; and,
- It may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset.

To manage this risk, the Partnership has readily accessible standby credit facilities and other funding arrangements in place; generally uses financial instruments that are tradable in highly liquid markets; and, has a liquidity portfolio structure wherein surplus funds are invested in highly liquid financial instruments. See note 12 – *Debt*, for a maturity analysis.

Capital risk management

In managing its capital structure, the Partnership includes partners' capital, retained earnings and short-term and long-term debt in the definition of capital.

The Partnership manages its capital structure in order to reduce the cost of debt capital for customers and to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Partnership may adjust the amount of distributions paid to partners, return capital to partners or request additional contributions from partners. The Partnership reduces refinancing risk by diversifying the maturity dates of its debt obligations.

5. Risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

Summary of capital structure

	As at			
	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	(millions)	%	(millions)	%
Commercial paper and bank credit facilities	\$ 121.2	1.9	\$ 42.5	0.9
Long-term debt, excluding deferred financing fees	3,695.2	59.2	2,701.4	59.3
Partners' capital	1,837.3	29.4	1,391.7	30.5
Retained earnings	594.4	9.5	421.8	9.3
	\$ 6,248.1	100.0	\$ 4,557.4	100.0

As at December 31, 2014, the Partnership was subject to externally imposed capitalization requirements under the Master Trust Indenture and the bank credit facilities. These agreements limit the amount of debt that can be incurred relative to total capitalization. The Partnership was in compliance with these requirements as at December 31, 2014.

6. Trade and other receivables

	As at	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Trade receivables	\$ 71,234	\$ 68,438
GST receivable	23,197	35,544
Recovery of joint project costs	1,345	6,455
Prepaid expenses and deposits	11,139	6,732
Current portion of financial assets related to regulated activities	36,608	8,819
	\$ 143,523	\$ 125,988

Trade receivables as at December 31, 2014 include \$60.0 million (December 31, 2013 - \$38.0 million) due from the AESO for the December portion of the annual transmission tariff and \$nil (December 31, 2013 - \$25.3 million) due from the AESO for accruals related to expected adjustments to the revenue requirement in accordance with standard regulatory practice.

The level of GST receivables outstanding at December 31, 2013 is a result of timing of refund receipts and an overall increase in construction activity.

Financial assets related to regulated activities include the recovery of certain costs incurred by the Partnership relating to its primary activities that are greater than what has been received to date in tariff revenue. The Partnership has recognized as receivables the costs to be recovered through the regulatory process. The current portion of such assets reflects the amounts to be recovered within the next twelve months, which includes amounts related to the 2014 direct assigned additions for the Heartland project and the 2012 and 2013 deferral accounts reconciliation application that was filed with the AUC on December 16, 2014. Included also in the December 31, 2014 balance is \$4.7 million related to cancelled projects (December 31, 2013 - \$7.5 million).

Financial assets related to regulated activities also include amounts that have been added to rate base (AFUDC equity, AFUDC debt, and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment) for regulatory purposes, which will be recovered or repaid in tariff revenue over a time period, which has been approved by the AUC.

7. Intangible assets

	Land rights	Computer software	Intangibles in CWIP	Total
(in thousands of dollars)				
Cost				
As at January 1, 2013	\$ 61,175	\$ 64,976	\$ 73,249	\$ 199,400
Additions to CWIP	—	—	68,095	68,095
Transfers	42,631	12,032	(54,663)	—
Retirements	—	(3,393)	—	(3,393)
As at December 31, 2013	103,806	73,615	86,681	264,102
Additions to CWIP	—	—	39,477	39,477
Transfers	15,580	16,645	(32,225)	—
Retirements and reclassifications	—	(6,780)	—	(6,780)
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 119,386	\$ 83,480	\$ 93,933	\$ 296,799
Accumulated amortization				
As at January 1, 2013	\$ (3,249)	\$ (22,209)	\$ —	\$ (25,458)
Amortization	(1,688)	(13,651)	—	(15,339)
Retirements	—	3,381	—	3,381
As at December 31, 2013	(4,937)	(32,479)	—	(37,416)
Amortization	(2,352)	(12,985)	—	(15,337)
Retirements and reclassifications	(220)	7,237	—	7,017
As at December 31, 2014	\$ (7,509)	\$ (38,227)	\$ —	\$ (45,736)
Net book value				
As at December 31, 2013	\$ 98,869	\$ 41,136	\$ 86,681	\$ 226,686
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 111,877	\$ 45,253	\$ 93,933	\$ 251,063

Intangible assets in CWIP are not amortized until they are available for use, when they are reclassified to the related asset class.

The Partnership has used the following effective amortization rates during the year:

	2014	2013
Land rights	2.06%	2.10%
Computer software	10.60%-50.57%	10.91%-50.08%
Intangibles in CWIP	Not subject to amortization	Not subject to amortization

8. Property, plant and equipment

	Lines ¹	Substations ²	Buildings & equipment ³	Land & CWIP ⁴	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>					
Cost					
As at January 1, 2013	\$ 993,805	\$ 1,488,384	\$ 116,682	\$ 1,120,366	\$ 3,719,237
Additions to CWIP	—	—	—	1,786,964	1,786,964
Transfers	870,792	405,692	25,325	(1,301,809)	—
Retirements	(7,358)	(5,534)	(2,877)	(62)	(15,831)
As at December 31, 2013	1,857,239	1,888,542	139,130	1,605,459	5,490,370
Additions to CWIP	—	—	—	1,902,911	1,902,911
Transfers	480,730	607,337	25,360	(1,113,427)	—
Self insurance reserve	(3,471)	(4,516)	—	(293)	(8,280)
Retirements and reclassifications	(8,666)	(12,147)	(1,967)	297	(22,483)
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 2,325,832	\$ 2,479,216	\$ 162,523	\$ 2,394,947	\$ 7,362,518
Accumulated Depreciation					
As at January 1, 2013	\$ (71,016)	\$ (152,751)	\$ (25,480)	\$ —	\$ (249,247)
Depreciation expense	(40,612)	(63,727)	(13,396)	—	(117,735)
Retirements	4,807	1,093	2,739	—	8,639
As at December 31, 2013	(106,821)	(215,385)	(36,137)	—	(358,343)
Depreciation expense	(56,071)	(82,647)	(15,063)	—	(153,781)
Retirements and reclassifications	(238)	5,914	1,486	—	7,162
As at December 31, 2014	\$ (163,130)	\$ (292,118)	\$ (49,714)	\$ —	\$ (504,962)
Net book value					
As at December 31, 2013	\$ 1,750,418	\$ 1,673,157	\$ 102,993	\$ 1,605,459	\$ 5,132,027
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 2,162,702	\$ 2,187,098	\$ 112,809	\$ 2,394,947	\$ 6,857,556

1. Lines – transmission lines and related equipment.
2. Substations – substation and telecontrol equipment.
3. Buildings & equipment – office buildings, vehicles, tools and instruments, office furniture, telephone and related equipment and computer hardware.
4. Land & CWIP – land, capitalized inventory, emergency capital spare parts and CWIP. CWIP is reclassified to the appropriate asset classes when the assets are available for use.

The Partnership has used the following effective depreciation rates during the year:

	2014	2013
Lines	2.25%-5.90%	1.65%-5.17%
Substations	2.96%-8.09%	2.47%-7.46%
Buildings & equipment	2.62%-20.47%	2.64%-21.94%
Land and construction work in progress	Not subject to depreciation	Not subject to depreciation

9. Third party deposits

	Contributions in Advance of Construction	Operating and Maintenance Charges in Advance	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
As at January 1, 2013	\$ 44,699	\$ 7,292	\$ 51,991
Net receipts from third parties	230,427	(135)	230,292
Project expenditures	(174,552)	(166)	(174,718)
As at December 31, 2013	100,574	6,991	107,565
Net receipts	60,145	(4)	60,141
Project expenditures	(116,045)	(178)	(116,223)
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 44,674	\$ 6,809	\$ 51,483

Third party deposits are held in short-term investments, which are reinvested as needed. These investments earned an effective interest rate of 1.05% at December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013 – 1.05%). For contributions in advance of construction, all interest received is paid annually to the AESO.

10. Other non-current assets

	As at December 31, 2014	As at December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Non-current portion of financial assets related to regulated activities	\$ 80,731	\$ 58,009

Financial assets related to regulated activities include the recovery of certain costs incurred by the Partnership relating to its primary activities that are greater than what has been received to date in tariff revenue. The Partnership has recognized as receivables the expenses to be recovered through the regulatory process. The non-current portion of such assets reflects the amounts to be recovered beyond the next twelve months. These amounts include 2014 deferral accounts, which have not yet been filed with the AUC. Included also in the December 31, 2014 balance is \$2.8 million related to cancelled projects (December 31, 2013 - \$nil).

Financial assets related to regulated activities consist of amounts that have been included in rate base (DACDA, AFUDC equity, AFUDC debt, and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment) for regulatory purposes, which will be recovered or repaid in tariff revenue over a period of time, which has also been approved by the AUC.

11. Trade and other payables

	As at December 31, 2014	As at December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Trade and accrued payables	\$ 415,002	\$ 376,381
Accrued interest on long-term debt	25,736	23,090
Other current liabilities	4,319	4,106
Current portion of financial liabilities related to regulated activities	7,723	28,921
	\$ 452,780	\$ 432,498

Financial liabilities related to regulated activities include accruals for the repayment of the difference between certain costs that have been incurred by the Partnership relating to its primary activities and what has been received in tariff revenue. The difference will be refunded to the AESO through the regulatory process. The current portion of such liabilities reflects the amounts to be refunded within the next twelve months, which includes amounts related to the 2012 and 2013 deferral accounts reconciliation application that was filed with the AUC on December 16, 2014.

Other current liabilities include accruals for the long-term incentive plan and deferred leasehold improvements.

12. Debt

Commercial paper and bank credit facilities

As at December 31, 2014 <i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Committed	Drawdowns	Commercial paper outstanding	Letters of credit outstanding	Availability	Maturity date of facility
Revolving credit facility	\$ 925,000	\$ —	\$ 121,152	\$ —	\$ 803,848	December 16, 2016
Revolving credit facility	75,000	—	—	4,991	70,009	December 16, 2016
Total bank credit facilities	\$ 1,000,000	\$ —	\$ 121,152	\$ 4,991	\$ 873,857	

As at December 31, 2013 <i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Committed	Drawdowns	Commercial paper outstanding	Letters of credit outstanding	Availability	Maturity date of facility
Revolving credit facility	\$ 1,225,000	\$ —	\$ 42,461	\$ —	\$ 1,182,539	December 18, 2015
Revolving credit facility	75,000	—	—	1,605	73,395	December 18, 2015
Total bank credit facilities	\$ 1,300,000	\$ —	\$ 42,461	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,255,934	

The \$925.0 million revolving credit facility provides support for the borrowing under the unsecured commercial paper program and may also be used for general corporate purposes. Drawdowns under this facility may be in the form of Canadian prime rate loans or bankers' acceptances. At the renewal date, the Partnership has the option to convert the facility to a one-year term facility.

The \$75.0 million revolving credit facility may be used for general corporate purposes and capital expenditures. Drawdowns under this facility may be in the form of Canadian prime rate loans, U.S. base rate loans, U.S. LIBOR loans or drawn letters of credit. At the renewal date, the Partnership has the option to convert the facility to a one-year term facility.

12. Debt (cont'd)

Long-term debt

	Effective interest rate	Maturing	As at	
			December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>				
Senior debt obligations				
Series 2006-1, 5.249%	5.299%	2036	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Series 2008-1, 5.243%	5.355%	2018	200,000	200,000
Series 2010-1, 5.381%	5.432%	2040	125,000	125,000
Series 2010-2, 4.872%	4.928%	2040	150,000	150,000
Series 2011-1, 4.462%	4.503%	2041	275,000	275,000
Series 2012-1, 3.990%	4.028%	2042	525,000	300,000
Series 2012-2, 2.978%	3.041%	2022	275,000	275,000
Series 2013-1, 4.446%	4.484%	2053	250,000	250,000
Series 2013-2, 3.621%	3.705%	2020	125,000	125,000
Series 2013-3, 4.922%	4.963%	2043	350,000	350,000
Series 2013-4, 3.668%	3.733%	2023	500,000	500,000
Series 2014-1, 3.399%	3.463%	2024	350,000	—
Series 2014-2, 4.274%	4.305%	2064	130,000	—
Series 2014-3, 4.054%	4.089%	2044	295,000	—
			3,700,000	2,700,000
Debt discounts and premiums			(4,820)	1,394
Less: deferred financing fees			(21,317)	(16,168)
Long-term debt			\$ 3,673,863	\$ 2,685,226

During 2014, the Partnership issued \$350.0 million of Series 2014-1, \$130.0 million of Series 2014-2, and \$295.0 million of Series 2014-3 Medium-Term Notes. The Partnership also re-opened its existing 2012-1 Medium-Term Notes to issue an additional \$225.0 million at a discount of \$5.9 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$219.1 million. This discount will be amortized over the term of the related debt.

As at December 31, 2014, the Partnership has issued \$2,500.0 million (December 31, 2013- \$1,500.0 million) of Medium-Term Notes under the \$2,500.0 million Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus. The Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus expired in December 2014 and is expected to be renewed in early 2015.

In general, the Partnership uses the proceeds from the issuance of Medium-Term Notes to repay commercial paper and indebtedness outstanding under the Partnership's credit facilities, and to finance the capital construction program.

The Medium-Term Notes are secured obligations and rank pari passu with all existing and future senior indebtedness, and ahead of all subordinated indebtedness of the Partnership.

Collateral for the Senior debt obligations consists of a first floating charge security interest on the Partnership's present and future assets. The bank credit facilities rank equally with Senior debt and all future senior secured indebtedness that is issued by the Partnership.

Senior debt is redeemable by the Partnership at the greater of (i) the prevailing Government of Canada bond yield plus a pre-determined premium, and (ii) the face amount of the debt to be redeemed plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The Partnership does not intend to redeem any of its long-term debt prior to maturity.

12. Debt (cont'd)

Capital markets platform

The Partnership has implemented a financing structure referred to by the Partnership as the "Capital Markets Platform" to finance the operation, maintenance and development of its assets. The Capital Markets Platform incorporates various debt instruments and borrowings, including term bank debt, revolving bank lines of credit, publicly-issued and privately-placed term debt securities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and medium-term notes.

The Master Trust Indenture dated April 28, 2003 between the Partnership, the General Partner and BNY Trust Company of Canada, as trustee, establishes common covenants for the benefit of all lenders under the Capital Markets Platform. The Capital Markets Platform governs all indebtedness, including the ranking and security (if any) of the various debt instruments. Indebtedness is calculated as total short-term and long-term debt, including outstanding letters of credit, and total capital is calculated as equity plus indebtedness. The Partnership is not permitted to borrow other than under the Capital Markets Platform, except in certain limited circumstances and, in any event, not in excess of an aggregate of \$20.0 million. One of the principal covenants is that the Partnership cannot become liable for any indebtedness, unless the aggregate amount of all indebtedness does not exceed 75% of the total capitalization.

Under the Indenture, the Partnership may issue two categories of debt, namely (i) senior debt and (ii) subordinated debt. Bonds may be issued as either "Obligation Bonds" (to directly evidence the indebtedness of the Partnership to the holder of such debt) or as "Pledged Bonds" (to be held by the holder as collateral security for the indebtedness specified in the related instrument of pledge). The specific terms and conditions of each series of bonds under the Capital Markets Platform are set forth in the series supplement authorizing the series. It is expected that publicly-issued and privately-placed bonds will be in the form of Obligation Bonds, whereas all other indebtedness of the Partnership under the Capital Markets Platform will be supported by Pledged Bonds.

Scheduled principal repayments

(in thousands of dollars)

Maturing	
2015	\$ —
2016	—
2017	—
2018	200,000
2019	—
2020 and thereafter	3,500,000

Finance costs

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
(in thousands of dollars)		
Interest expense	\$ 133,901	\$ 91,101
Amortization of deferred financing fees	915	1,017
Capitalized borrowing costs	(1,154)	(854)
	\$ 133,662	\$ 91,264

13. Deferred revenue

	Third Party Contributions	Deferred Revenue for Salvage	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
As at January 1, 2013	\$ 434,199	\$ 167,926	\$ 602,125
Transferred from third party deposits [note 9]	174,552	—	174,552
Received through transmission tariff [note 17]	—	18,751	18,751
Recognized as revenue [notes 18 and 19]	(14,816)	(16,092)	(30,908)
As at December 31, 2013	593,935	170,585	764,520
Transferred from third party deposits [note 9]	116,045	—	116,045
Received through transmission tariff [note 17]	—	22,206	22,206
Recognized as revenue [notes 18 and 19]	(20,038)	(27,125)	(47,163)
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 689,942	\$ 165,666	\$ 855,608
Current portion			\$ 34,035
Long-term portion			730,485
As at December 31, 2013			\$ 764,520
Current portion			\$ 64,933
Long-term portion			790,675
As at December 31, 2014			\$ 855,608

Deposits received from third parties used to finance certain capital construction costs and other charges received in advance are initially recorded as deferred revenue and then subsequently recognized as revenue over the lives of the related assets. Funds provided by the regulator to pay for salvage costs are released into revenue when the associated costs are incurred.

14. Other non-current liabilities

	As at	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Accrued employment benefit liabilities	\$ 6,687	\$ 5,129
Other liabilities	5,462	3,137
Non-current portion of financial liabilities related to regulated activities	404	4,081
	\$ 12,553	\$ 12,347

Financial liabilities related to regulated activities include accruals for the repayment of the difference between certain costs that have been incurred by the Partnership relating to its primary activities and what has been received in tariff revenue. The difference will be refunded to the AESO through the regulatory process. The non-current portion of such liabilities reflects the amounts to be refunded beyond the next twelve months. These amounts include 2014 deferral accounts, which have not yet been filed with the AUC.

The accrued employment benefits liability is discussed in note 15 - *Post employee benefits obligations*.

15. Post employee benefits obligations

Description

The General Partner employs staff and provides administrative and operational services to the Partnership on a cost-reimbursement basis, including any pension liabilities. As such, certain costs, including defined contribution pension costs, are reported as if they were incurred directly by the Partnership even though the legal plan sponsor and employer of the staff is the General Partner.

15. Post employee benefits obligations (cont'd)

In November 2013, the Partnership's Pension Committee recommended the wind-up of the defined benefit component of the pension plan. The General Partner's Board of Directors approved the wind-up, effective December 31, 2013. As of January 1, 2014, the remaining active members of the defined benefit component joined the defined contribution pension plan. The defined benefit component was wound up in August 2014.

All employees are covered under the defined contribution pension plan. The defined contribution pension plan is an 8% employer, and 2% employee funded contribution plan.

The General Partner has a non-registered supplemental pension plan, which is provided to those employees who exceed the income tax limits on maximum pension contributions in a year. Membership in the supplemental pension plan is automatic once registered pension plan contributions have reached the maximum annual amount. Employer contributions to the plan are 8% (2013 – 8%).

Other post retirement benefits include the health and dental coverage provided to retired employees who have two years of service or more and retire at age fifty-five or older. Benefits are provided to these employees until the age of sixty-five.

Assumptions

The significant actuarial assumptions used in measuring the Partnership's net benefit plan cost are as follows:

	Year ended			
	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Pension %	Other %	Pension %	Other %
Discount rate for funded status	N/A	3.80	4.90	4.70
Discount rate for expense determinations	N/A	4.70	4.30	4.00
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	—	3.50	—
Health care cost trend rates:				
Initial weighted trend rate	N/A	6.30	—	7.40
Ultimate weighted trend rate	N/A	4.56	—	4.56

Costs recognized

	Year ended			
	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Pension	Other	Pension	Other
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>				
Current service cost	\$ N/A	\$ 811	\$ 80	\$ 768
Interest cost on benefit obligation	N/A	202	463	195
Income on plan assets	N/A	—	(420)	—
Past service cost amortization	N/A	—	—	(3)
Loss on settlements	N/A	—	311	—
Special benefit enhancement cost	N/A	—	615	—
Defined benefit expense	N/A	1,013	1,049	960
Regulatory adjustment to offset expense	N/A	—	(1,049)	—
Expense	N/A	1,013	—	960
Defined contribution expense of registered pension plan	7,020	—	6,683	—
Supplemental pension expense	188	—	164	—
Net expense recognized in the financial statements	\$ 7,208	\$ 1,013	\$ 6,847	\$ 960

15. Post employee benefits obligations (cont'd)

Status of plans

As noted above, the defined benefit component of the pension plan was wound up in August 2014. The Partnership has no further obligations with respect to the defined benefit component of the pension plan. The Partnership expects to contribute \$1.2 million to its other post-retirement benefit plans in 2015.

	Year ended			
	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Pension	Other	Pension	Other
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>				
Fair value of plan assets				
Balance, beginning of year	\$ N/A	\$ —	\$ 9,809	\$ —
Employee contributions	N/A	—	7	—
Company contributions	N/A	113	545	111
Benefit payments	N/A	(113)	(533)	(111)
Interest income	N/A	—	420	—
Return on plan assets	N/A	—	263	—
Settlements on plan wind-up	N/A	—	(10,511)	—
Balance, end of year	N/A	—	—	—
Accrued benefits obligation				
Balance, beginning of year	N/A	4,180	10,922	4,460
Current service cost	N/A	811	80	768
Past service cost	N/A	—	—	(3)
Employee contributions	N/A	—	7	—
Benefit payments	N/A	(113)	(533)	(111)
Interest cost	N/A	202	463	195
Loss on settlements	N/A	—	311	—
Special benefit enhancement cost	N/A	—	615	—
Remeasurements:				
Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	N/A	(52)	540	(1,413)
Effect of changes in economic assumptions	N/A	564	(805)	265
Effect of experience adjustments	N/A	(42)	(1,089)	19
Settlements on plan wind-up	N/A	—	(10,511)	—
Balance, end of year	N/A	5,550	—	4,180
Funded status				
Funded status - deficit	N/A	(5,550)	—	(4,180)
Unamortized past service costs	N/A	—	—	—
Supplemental pension plan liability	(1,137)	—	(949)	—
Accrued liability, end of year	\$ (1,137)	\$ (5,550)	\$ (949)	\$ (4,180)

Actuarial gains and losses recognized in other comprehensive income

The cumulative amounts of actuarial gains and losses recognized in other comprehensive income and included in retained earnings is \$0.6 million (2013 - \$0.1 million).

	Year ended					
	December 31, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Pension	Other	Total	Pension	Other	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>						
Net gain/(loss) arising during the year - post-retirement benefits obligation	\$ N/A	\$ (470)	\$ (470)	\$ 1,617	\$ 1,129	\$ 2,746

15. Post employee benefits obligations (cont'd)

Sensitivity

Sensitivity to changes in significant actuarial assumptions for the other post-retirement benefit plan obligation as at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	One Percentage Point Increase	One Percentage Point Decrease
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Effect of change to discount rate on obligation	\$ (621)	\$ 748
Effect of change to health care cost trend rates on obligation	762	(644)

16. Related party transactions

In 2012, the Partnership entered into five-year contracts with two companies, including SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc., to provide Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) services for future capital projects. SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of SNC. For certain projects, which were underway when the new contracts were signed, EPCM services continue to be provided by SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc., under a previous contract. Effective December 1, 2014, the Partnership is wholly owned by BHE, and therefore SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc. ceased to be a related party at that time. However, until November 30, 2014, ALP was indirectly owned by SNC. Accordingly, SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc. transactions are provided for the period ended November 30, 2014.

In the normal course of business, the Partnership transacts with its partners and other related parties. The following transactions were measured at the exchange amount:

	Period ended November 30, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
Employee compensation and benefits			
AltaLink Management Ltd.	\$ —	\$ 127,549	\$ 117,415
Construction related services			
SNC – Lavalin ATP Inc.	1,290,726	—	1,529,855
Cost recovery for non-regulated activities			
AltaLink Investments, L.P.	—	(1,719)	(2,620)
Cost recovery for non-regulated activities			
AltaLink Holdings, L.P.	—	(3,537)	—
Cost recovery related to Senior Executive secondment			
SNC – Lavalin Inc.	—	—	(1,155)

Amounts included in trade and other payables at December 31, 2014, except for the SNC related parties, which are provided as at November 30, 2014, are:

	November 30, 2014	As at December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
AltaLink Management Ltd.	\$ —	\$ 24,407	\$ 20,263
SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc.	439,177	—	287,882
AltaLink Investments, L.P.	—	1,988	—

16. Related party transactions (cont'd)

None of the transactions incorporate special terms and conditions and no guarantees were given or received. Outstanding balances are due on a 30-day term and are settled in cash.

Remuneration of senior management

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Salary and other short-term benefits	\$ 4,739	\$ 3,170
Post-employment benefits	301	247
Other long-term benefits	2,407	2,271
Total for all senior management	\$ 7,447	\$ 5,688

Senior management includes the President and Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President Business Development, Senior Vice President Customer Service, Senior Vice President External Engagement, Senior Vice President Human Resources, Senior Vice President Law, Regulatory and General Counsel, and Senior Vice President Projects.

Salary and other short-term benefits represent actual salary received during the year, annual short-term incentive plan payments based on the achievement of specific predetermined performance goals, perquisites and other bonuses. Post-employment benefits include the defined contribution pension plan and supplemental pension plan employer contributions. Other long-term benefits include amounts related to retention and long-term incentive plans.

Remuneration of Board of Directors of the General Partner

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Total fees earned by Directors	\$ 581	\$ 564

The Board of Directors includes the Chairman of the Board, and nine directors. The members of the Board, who are not representatives of the owners, are paid an annual fee plus a fee for meetings attended and additional retainers for serving on Board committees.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, there were no other material related party transactions.

17. Revenue from operations

On January 15, 2014, AltaLink submitted a compliance filing as directed by the AUC in Decision 2013-407, requesting approval of revenue requirements of \$481.3 million and \$621.4 million for 2013 and 2014, respectively. On September 8, 2014, the AUC issued Decision 2014-258 approving AltaLink's compliance filing, as filed, and increased the monthly tariff, effective September 1, 2014, to \$60.0 million per month.

On January 26, 2015 the AUC issued Decision 3504-D01-2015, approving the Partnership's Interim Tariff Application for 2015, as filed.

In Decisions 2011-474 and 2013-459, the AUC approved a placeholder of 8.75% for 2013 and 2014 return on common equity pending a final decision as part of the 2013 Generic Cost of Capital (GCOC) proceeding. The AUC has completed its review of the GCOC for 2013 and 2014 and the Partnership expects the AUC to issue its decision in 2015.

The following table summarizes the timing differences between the approved transmission tariff and revenue from operations earned during the year.

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Return on rate base	\$ 286,973	\$ 210,576
Recovery of forecast expenses	279,475	231,002
Deemed income taxes	54,952	39,722
Approved transmission tariff	621,400	481,300
Receivable directly assigned capital projects related revenue	27,739	10,734
Receivable property taxes and other	9,285	6,561
Salvage costs transferred to deferred revenue [note 13]	(22,206)	(18,751)
AFUDC net of capitalized borrowing costs	1,422	1,202
Adjustments related to regulatory activities	42,322	21,927
Revenue from operations	\$ 679,962	\$ 502,973

In AUC Decision 2013-024, the AUC approved the 2013 interim transmission tariff of \$455.8 million. In AUC Decision 2014-258, the AUC approved the final 2013 transmission tariff of \$481.3 million. The remaining \$25.5 million was collected in 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, approximately 93% of the Partnership's revenue is attributable to the AESO (December 31, 2013 – approximately 94%).

Adjustments are recorded to revenue from operations in order to recognize differences in accounting treatment for IFRS purposes, compared to regulatory purposes, as follows:

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Revenue related to salvage costs [note 13]	\$ 27,125	\$ 16,092
Recovery of loss on disposal of assets	15,940	6,146
Other	(743)	(311)
	\$ 42,322	\$ 21,927

18. Other revenue

The Partnership occasionally provides transmission construction services to third parties (primarily other utilities) on a cost recovery basis; therefore, there is no net income impact. Related costs are included in operating expenses:

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Third party contributions revenue [note 13]	\$ 20,038	\$ 14,816
Costs recovered from third parties	13,348	4,991
Services provided to third parties	4,648	4,986
Tower, land and other lease revenue	2,039	1,656
Related party and other revenue	8,393	4,650
	\$ 48,466	\$ 31,099

19. Expenses

Operating expenses

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Employee salaries and benefits	\$ 50,434	\$ 44,247
Contracted labour	41,975	26,301
Other operating expenses	22,872	19,448
	\$ 115,281	\$ 89,996

Property taxes, salvage and other expenses

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Property and business tax	\$ 29,327	\$ 25,088
Salvage expenses	27,125	16,092
Annual structure payments	12,595	8,611
Self insurance reserve	6,862	1,938
Hearing expenses and other	2,399	541
	\$ 78,308	\$ 52,270

Property taxes, salvage and other expenses do not have an impact on net income because they are fully recovered in tariff revenue (note 17 - *Revenue from operations*).

20. Partners' equity

The Partnership is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units. The units are voting and participate equally in profits, losses and capital distributions of the Partnership. The Partnership is also authorized to issue preferred partnership units which have the same rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to all other units except that in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Partnership, holders of each preferred unit are entitled to participate preferentially in any distribution. The Partnership has not issued any preferred units.

The General Partner does not hold any units in the Partnership. It manages the operations of the Partnership, and has a 0.01% interest in the profits, losses and capital distributions of the Partnership.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Partners invested additional equity of \$445.6 million (December 31, 2013- \$337.5 million). No partnership units were issued during the year ended December 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013 – nil).

21. Other cash flow information

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Change in other items		
Employee benefits and other liabilities	\$ 3,413	\$ 2,040
Amortization of financing fees and capitalized borrowing costs	(239)	162
Deferred revenue for salvage	(4,919)	2,659
Financial assets related to regulated activities, non-current	(22,722)	(27,118)
Financial liabilities related to regulated activities, non-current	(3,677)	(9,525)
	\$ (28,144)	\$ (31,782)
Change in non-cash working capital		
Trade and other receivables	\$ (17,537)	\$ 19,624
Trade and other payables	20,284	169,118
	\$ 2,747	\$ 188,742
Related to operating activities	\$ (29,388)	\$ 55,223
Related to investing activities	32,135	133,519
	\$ 2,747	\$ 188,742
Net change in other financing activities		
Deferred financing fees	\$ (6,359)	\$ (7,770)
Third party deposits	56,082	(55,574)
Third party deposits liability	(56,082)	55,574
	\$ (6,359)	\$ (7,770)

22. Commitments

The contractual commitments of the Partnership for the purchase of property, plant and equipment as at December 31, 2014 are \$979.4 million (December 31, 2013 - \$1,791.8 million). Of these commitments, approximately 81% are with SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of SNC (December 31, 2013 – approximately 86%).

The Partnership is committed to operating leases that have lease terms which expire between 2015 and 2026. Of the total expected minimum lease payments, approximately 90% relates to the Partnership's head office leases.

22. Commitments (cont'd)

Expected minimum lease payments in future years are as follows:

	As at December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	
Operating lease obligations payable on non-cancellable leases are as follows:	
No later than 1 year	\$ 4,393
Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	16,700
Later than 5 years	18,293
	\$ 39,386

23. Contingencies

From time to time, the Partnership is subject to legal proceedings, assessments, claims and regulatory matters in the ordinary course of business, including the following:

- In June 2009, the Partnership was served with an action, alleging that the Plaintiff and the Partnership had concluded a binding agreement for the sale to the Plaintiff of certain lands.
- In September 2012, a fire occurred on grasslands on which are located transmission facilities owned and operated by TransAlta Utilities and are under an operating services agreement with the Partnership. In September 2014, TransAlta and the Partnership were served with a number of actions related to this incident.
- In 2013, a road construction company damaged another utility's transmission line, causing loss of power. Two refinery owners filed statements of claim for consequential damages against the construction company, which in turn filed third party claims against the Partnership and the other utility.

At this time, in the opinion of management, none of these matters is expected to result in a material adverse effect on the Partnership's financial position or financial performance.