



**AltaLink, L.P.**

*Financial Statements*

*For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014*





## **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, 2015 and December 31, 2014, 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, 2015 and December 31, 2014, 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 Professional Accountants, Chartered Accountants  
February 18, 2016  
Calgary, Alberta

## Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	As at	
		December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Cash		\$ 3,968	\$ 12,759
Trade and other receivables	6	139,465	143,523
		<b>143,433</b>	<b>156,282</b>
<b>Non-current</b>			
Goodwill		202,066	202,066
Intangible assets	7	275,920	251,063
Property, plant and equipment	8	7,674,277	6,857,556
Third party deposits	9	43,248	51,483
Other non-current assets	10	127,496	80,731
		<b>\$ 8,466,440</b>	<b>\$ 7,599,181</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	\$ 332,685	\$ 452,780
Commercial paper and bank credit facilities	12	449,144	121,152
Current portion of deferred revenue	13	73,121	64,933
		<b>854,950</b>	<b>638,865</b>
<b>Non-current</b>			
Long-term debt	12	4,022,419	3,673,863
Deferred revenue	13	805,233	790,675
Third party deposits liability	9	43,248	51,483
Other non-current liabilities	14	11,562	12,553
		<b>5,737,412</b>	<b>5,167,439</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>	22, 23		
<b>Partners' equity</b>	20	<b>2,729,028</b>	<b>2,431,742</b>
		<b>\$ 8,466,440</b>	<b>\$ 7,599,181</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors

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David Tuer  
Director

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Patricia Nelson  
Director

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	Year ended	
		December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Operations	17	\$ 789,396	\$ 679,962
Generic cost of capital adjustments	17	(27,200)	—
Other	18	66,911	48,466
		<b>829,107</b>	<b>728,428</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operating	19	(129,170)	(115,281)
Property taxes, salvage and other	19	(98,650)	(78,308)
Depreciation and amortization		(231,552)	(169,118)
		<b>(459,372)</b>	<b>(362,707)</b>
		<b>369,735</b>	<b>365,721</b>
Finance costs	12	(137,950)	(133,662)
Loss on disposal of assets		(22,527)	(15,873)
<b>Net income</b>		<b>209,258</b>	<b>216,186</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Actuarial gain (loss)	15	528	(470)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>\$ 209,786</b>	<b>\$ 215,716</b>

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, 2014	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
Total comprehensive income	—	209,765	21	209,786	—	209,786
Equity investment received	—	—	—	—	120,500	120,500
Distributions paid	—	(32,997)	(3)	(33,000)	—	(33,000)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>331,904</b>	<b>\$ 771,080</b>	<b>\$ 112</b>	<b>\$ 771,192</b>	<b>\$ 1,957,836</b>	<b>\$ 2,729,028</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 209,258	\$ 216,186
Adjustments for		
Depreciation and amortization	231,552	169,118
Third party contributions revenue	(24,402)	(20,038)
Loss on disposal of assets	22,527	15,873
Change in other items	21	(28,144)
Change in non-cash working capital items	21	(29,388)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>404,924</b>	<b>323,607</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Capital expenditures	21	(1,241,354)
Use of third party contributions	64,280	116,045
Proceeds from disposal of assets	407	180
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,176,667)</b>	<b>(1,785,563)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Senior debt issued	350,000	994,081
Net movement in commercial paper and bank credit facilities	327,992	78,691
Distributions paid	(33,000)	(43,150)
Equity investment received	120,500	445,600
Change in other financing activities	21	(6,359)
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>762,952</b>	<b>1,468,863</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(8,791)</b>	<b>6,907</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	12,759	5,852
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 3,968</b>	<b>\$ 12,759</b>
<b>Supplementary cash flow information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ (165,746)	\$ (133,076)

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., 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, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Canada Holdings Corporation (BHE) became the sole owner of the Partnership by acquiring 100 percent of SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.'s interest in AltaLink.

The Partnership is regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (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, 2015 and 2014, 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 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 18, 2016.

### Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern and historical cost basis except for employee retirement benefits liabilities, which are measured at fair value.

### 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.

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 and judgements 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.

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 projects included in construction work-in-progress (CWIP). In 2014, the Partnership recognized, as authorized by the AUC, accelerated recovery of AFUDC for direct-assigned projects, which was referred to as "CWIP in Rate Base". In its general tariff application (GTA) for 2015-2016, the Partnership has proposed to discontinue using the CWIP in Rate Base model to recognize its transmission tariff revenue. Consistent with this GTA application, since January 1, 2015, the Partnership has ceased to recognize CWIP in rate base and has reverted to the AFUDC model for recognizing transmission tariff revenue. Reverting to the AFUDC model has an impact on cash flow as the related cash is received over the average life of the assets, instead of within the current year. Although the cash flow timing has changed, the amount to be recovered did not. 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.

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 final 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 twelve months are not discounted. Amounts due to the AESO beyond the next twelve 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.

**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. An impairment loss recognized for goodwill cannot be reversed in a subsequent period.

Management performed an annual goodwill impairment test in November 2015 by examining the business and regulatory environment, current market conditions, the ownership structure, financing activities, credit ratings, and interest rates. It performed a discounted cash flow and net fair value analysis, 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.

### **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.

***Other plans***

The cost of the Partnership's post-employment 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-employment benefits 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.

**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 included in 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 after 2015

IFRS 14 – *Regulatory deferral accounts* 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 to provide a single revenue model to use in the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. In July 2015, the IASB approved a one-year deferral of the effective date of IFRS 15 to January 1, 2018. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.

In July 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9 – *Financial instruments*, which is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 – *Leases*, which is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The Partnership is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.

In 2014, the IASB issued amendments to a number of standards as well as amendments to standards under its Annual Improvements Project for 2012-2014. 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.

## 5. Risk management and financial instruments

### Fair value of financial instruments

Financial Instrument	Designated Category	Measurement Basis	Associated Risks	Fair Value at December 31, 2015
Cash and cash equivalents	Fair value through profit or loss (Held for trading)	Fair value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market</li> <li>Credit</li> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	Cash and cash equivalents earn interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.
Trade and other receivables [note 6]	Loans and receivables	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit</li> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	Carrying value approximates fair value due to short-term nature.
Other non-current assets [note 10]	Loans and receivables	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit</li> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	Amortized cost or carrying value approximates fair value due to nature of asset.
Trade and other payables [note 11]	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	Carrying value approximates fair value due to short-term nature.
Other non-current liabilities [note 14]	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	Amortized cost or carrying value approximates fair value due to nature of liability.
Debt [note 12]	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market</li> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	\$4,770.8 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 [note 9]	Fair value through profit or loss (Held for trading)	Fair value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market</li> <li>Credit</li> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	The cash received is held in short-term investments.
Third party deposits liability [note 9]	Other liabilities	Initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liquidity</li> </ul>	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, 2014 – approximately 84%). 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 construction services and tower and land rents.

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.

**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.

### Summary of capital structure

	As at			
	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	(millions)	%	(millions)	%
Commercial paper and bank credit facilities	\$ 449.1	6.2	\$ 121.2	1.9
Long-term debt (including discounts and premiums)	4,045.0	56.0	3,695.2	59.2
Partners' capital	1,957.8	27.1	1,837.3	29.4
Retained earnings	771.2	10.7	594.4	9.5
	\$ 7,223.1	100.0	\$ 6,248.1	100.0

As at December 31, 2015, 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, 2015.

## 6. Trade and other receivables

	As at	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Trade receivables	\$ 85,507	\$ 71,234
GST receivable	7,794	23,197
Recovery of joint project costs	492	1,345
Prepaid expenses and deposits	7,270	11,139
Current portion of financial assets related to regulated activities	38,402	36,608
	\$ 139,465	\$ 143,523

Trade receivables as at December 31, 2015 include \$60.8 million (December 31, 2014 - \$60.0 million) due from the AESO for the December portion of the annual transmission tariff and \$11.3 million (December 31, 2014 - \$nil) due from the AESO for accruals related to expected adjustments to the revenue requirement in accordance with standard regulatory practice.

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 deferral accounts reconciliation application for 2012 and 2013, and the 2014 direct assigned additions for the Heartland project that was filed with the AUC on December 16, 2014. Also included in the December 31, 2015 balance is \$4.7 million related to cancelled projects (December 31, 2014 - \$4.7 million).

Financial assets related to regulated activities also include amounts that have been added to rate base (DACDA, AFUDC, 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
<b>(in thousands of dollars)</b>				
<b>Cost</b>				
As at January 1, 2014	\$ 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)
<b>As at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>119,386</b>	<b>83,480</b>	<b>93,933</b>	<b>296,799</b>
Additions to CWIP	—	—	40,950	40,950
Transfers	100,012	23,445	(123,457)	—
Retirements	—	(9,475)	—	(9,475)
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 219,398</b>	<b>\$ 97,450</b>	<b>\$ 11,426</b>	<b>\$ 328,274</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>				
As at January 1, 2014	\$ (4,937)	\$ (32,479)	\$ —	\$ (37,416)
Amortization	(2,352)	(12,985)	—	(15,337)
Retirements and reclassifications	(220)	7,237	—	7,017
<b>As at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>(7,509)</b>	<b>(38,227)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(45,736)</b>
Amortization	(2,830)	(13,263)	—	(16,093)
Retirements	—	9,475	—	9,475
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ (10,339)</b>	<b>\$ (42,015)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (52,354)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 111,877	\$ 45,253	\$ 93,933	\$ 251,063
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 209,059</b>	<b>\$ 55,435</b>	<b>\$ 11,426</b>	<b>\$ 275,920</b>

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:

	2015	2014
Land rights	2.08%	2.06%
Computer software	10.31%-50.30%	10.60%-50.57%
Intangibles in CWIP	Not subject to amortization	Not subject to amortization



## 8. Property, plant and equipment

	Lines <sup>1</sup>	Substations <sup>2</sup>	Buildings & equipment <sup>3</sup>	Land & CWIP <sup>4</sup>	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>					
<b>Cost</b>					
As at January 1, 2014	\$ 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)
<b>As at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>2,325,832</b>	<b>2,479,216</b>	<b>162,523</b>	<b>2,394,947</b>	<b>7,362,518</b>
Additions to CWIP	—	—	—	1,054,001	1,054,001
Transfers	1,862,390	990,083	30,587	(2,883,060)	—
Retirements	(15,777)	(11,838)	(524)	(1)	(28,140)
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 4,172,445</b>	<b>\$ 3,457,461</b>	<b>\$ 192,586</b>	<b>\$ 565,887</b>	<b>\$ 8,388,379</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>					
As at January 1, 2014	\$ (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
<b>As at December 31, 2014</b>	<b>(163,130)</b>	<b>(292,118)</b>	<b>(49,714)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(504,962)</b>
Depreciation expense	(89,428)	(105,795)	(20,236)	—	(215,459)
Retirements	1,315	4,465	539	—	6,319
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ (251,243)</b>	<b>\$ (393,448)</b>	<b>\$ (69,411)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (714,102)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
As at December 31, 2014	\$ 2,162,702	\$ 2,187,098	\$ 112,809	\$ 2,394,947	\$ 6,857,556
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 3,921,202</b>	<b>\$ 3,064,013</b>	<b>\$ 123,175</b>	<b>\$ 565,887</b>	<b>\$ 7,674,277</b>

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:

	2015	2014
Lines	1.74%-4.49%	2.25%-5.90%
Substations	2.38%-6.42%	2.96%-8.09%
Buildings & equipment	2.38%-22.76%	2.62%-20.47%
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, 2014	\$ 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
Net receipts	56,283	(54)	56,229
Project expenditures	(64,280)	(184)	(64,464)
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 36,677</b>	<b>\$ 6,571</b>	<b>\$ 43,248</b>

Third party deposits are held in short-term investments, which are reinvested as needed. These investments earned an annual effective interest rate of 0.90% as at December 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014 – 1.05%). For contributions in advance of construction, all interest received is paid to the specific customer.

## 10. Other non-current assets

	As at	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Non-current portion of financial assets related to regulated activities	\$ 127,496	\$ 80,731

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 collected beyond the next twelve months. These amounts include 2014 and 2015 deferral accounts, which have not yet been filed with the AUC. Included also in the December 31, 2015 balance is \$2.7 million related to cancelled projects (December 31, 2014 - \$2.8 million).

Financial assets related to regulated activities consist of amounts that have been included in rate base (DACDA, AFUDC and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment) and other regulatory balances, 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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Trade and accrued payables	\$ 241,945	\$ 415,002
Accrued interest on long-term debt	25,990	25,736
Other current liabilities	3,495	4,319
Current portion of financial liabilities related to regulated activities	61,255	7,723
	<b>\$ 332,685</b>	<b>\$ 452,780</b>

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 include the 2013 and 2014 Generic Cost of Capital (GCOC) adjustments and amounts related to the 2012 and 2013 deferral accounts reconciliation application that was filed with the AUC on December 16, 2014.

Financial liabilities related to regulated activities consists of adjustments arising from the 2013 GCOC Decision and other regulatory adjustments.

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, 2015	Committed	Drawdowns	Commercial paper outstanding	Letters of credit outstanding	Availability	Maturity date of facility
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>						
Revolving credit facility	\$ 750,000	\$ —	\$ 449,144	\$ —	\$ 300,856	December 15, 2017
Revolving credit facility	75,000	—	—	12,430	62,570	December 15, 2017
<b>Total bank credit facilities</b>	<b>\$ 825,000</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 449,144</b>	<b>\$ 12,430</b>	<b>\$ 363,426</b>	

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

The \$750.0 million revolving credit facility provides support for the borrowing under the unsecured commercial paper program and may also be used for operating expenses, capital expenditures, working capital needs, and for general corporate purposes including the payment of distributions. 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 operating expenses, capital expenditures, working capital needs, and for general corporate purposes including the payment of distributions. Drawdowns under this facility may be in the form of Canadian prime rate loans or bankers' acceptances, 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.

**Long-term debt**

	Effective interest rate	Maturing	December 31, 2015	As at December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>				
<b>Senior debt obligations (Medium-Term Notes)</b>				
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%	4.029%	2042	525,000	525,000
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	350,000
Series 2014-2, 4.274%	4.305%	2064	130,000	130,000
Series 2014-3, 4.054%	4.091%	2044	295,000	295,000
Series 2015-1, 4.090%	4.127%	2045	350,000	—
			<b>4,050,000</b>	3,700,000
Debt discounts and premiums			(5,011)	(4,820)
Less: deferred financing fees			(22,570)	(21,317)
<b>Long-term debt</b>			<b>\$ 4,022,419</b>	<b>\$ 3,673,863</b>

In June 2015, the Partnership issued \$350.0 million of Series 2015-1 Medium-Term Notes under the \$2,000.0 million Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus established on June 23, 2015. The total issuance under the Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus as at December 31, 2015 was \$350.0 million. The Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus expires in July 2017.

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.

**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 capitalization

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 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)*

<b>Maturing</b>	
2016	\$ —
2017	—
2018	200,000
2019	—
2020	125,000
2021 and thereafter	3,725,000

### Finance costs

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Interest expense	\$ 166,000	\$ 133,901
Amortization of deferred financing fees	1,095	915
Capitalized borrowing costs	(29,145)	(1,154)
	<b>\$ 137,950</b>	<b>\$ 133,662</b>

The average capitalization rate in 2015 was 4.15%.

## 13. Deferred revenue

	Third Party Contributions	Deferred Revenue for Salvage	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>			
As at January 1, 2014	\$ 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
Transferred from third party deposits [note 9]	<b>64,280</b>	—	<b>64,280</b>
Received through transmission tariff [note 17]	—	<b>28,486</b>	<b>28,486</b>
Recognized as revenue [notes 18 and 19]	<b>(24,402)</b>	<b>(45,618)</b>	<b>(70,020)</b>
<b>As at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 729,820</b>	<b>\$ 148,534</b>	<b>\$ 878,354</b>

	As at	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Current portion	\$ 73,121	\$ 64,933
Long-term portion	<b>805,233</b>	790,675
	<b>\$ 878,354</b>	\$ 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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Accrued employment benefit liabilities [note 15]	\$ 7,224	\$ 6,687
Other liabilities	<b>3,116</b>	5,462
Non-current portion of financial liabilities related to regulated activities	<b>1,222</b>	404
	<b>\$ 11,562</b>	\$ 12,553

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 and 2015 deferral accounts, which have not yet been filed with the AUC.

## 15. Post employee benefits obligations

**Description**

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 an unfunded, 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. The employer contribution rate is 8% (2014 – 8%).

The post-employment benefits plan is unfunded and includes providing health and dental coverage 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 post-employment benefits plan cost are as follows:

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	%	%
Discount rate for funded status	3.90	3.80
Discount rate for expense determinations	3.80	4.70
Health care cost trend rates:		
Initial weighted trend rate	6.26	6.30
Ultimate weighted trend rate	4.56	4.56

### Costs recognized

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Current service cost	\$ 889	\$ 811
Interest cost on benefit obligation	215	202
Expense	1,104	1,013
Defined contribution expense of registered pension plan	8,176	7,020
Supplemental pension expense	110	188
<b>Net expense recognized in the financial statements</b>	<b>\$ 9,390</b>	<b>\$ 8,221</b>

### Status of plans

The Partnership expects to contribute \$1.2 million to its post-employment benefits plan in 2016.

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
<b>Accrued benefits obligation</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 5,550	\$ 4,180
Current service cost	889	811
Employer benefit payments	(52)	(113)
Interest cost	215	202
Remeasurements:		
Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	—	(52)
Effect of changes in economic assumptions	(437)	564
Effect of experience adjustments	(91)	(42)
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>6,074</b>	<b>5,550</b>
<b>Funded status</b>		
Funded status - deficit	(6,074)	(5,550)
Supplemental pension plan liability	(1,150)	(1,137)
<b>Accrued liability, end of year</b>	<b>\$ (7,224)</b>	<b>\$ (6,687)</b>

### 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 \$0.1 million (2014 - \$0.4 million).

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
<b>Net gain (loss) post-employment benefits obligation</b>	<b>\$ 528</b>	<b>\$ (470)</b>

### Sensitivity

Sensitivity to changes in significant actuarial assumptions for the post-employment benefits plan obligation as at December 31, 2015 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	<b>\$ (670)</b>	<b>\$ 806</b>
Effect of change to health care cost trend rates on obligation	<b>890</b>	<b>(750)</b>

## 16. Related party transactions

Effective December 1, 2014, the Partnership was wholly owned by BHE, and therefore SNC-Lavalin ATP Inc. ceased to be a related party at that time. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no material related party transactions other than those shown below.

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:

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Employee compensation and benefits		
AltaLink Management Ltd.	<b>\$ 134,185</b>	<b>\$ 127,549</b>
Cost recovery for non-regulated activities		
AltaLink Investments, L.P.	<b>(2,920)</b>	<b>(1,719)</b>
Cost recovery for non-regulated activities		
AltaLink Holdings, L.P.	<b>(58)</b>	<b>(3,537)</b>

Amounts included in trade and other receivables and (payables) are:

	As at	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
AltaLink Management Ltd.	<b>\$ (515)</b>	<b>\$ (24,407)</b>
AltaLink Investments, L.P.	<b>279</b>	<b>(1,988)</b>

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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Salary and other short-term benefits	\$ 4,165	\$ 4,739
Post-employment benefits	321	301
Other long-term benefits	3,378	2,407
<b>Total for all senior management</b>	<b>\$ 7,864</b>	<b>\$ 7,447</b>

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.

The amounts include a partial year for Senior Vice President External Engagement and Senior Vice President Business Development.

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, excluding severance payouts. 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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Total fees earned by Directors	\$ 553	\$ 581

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

## 17. Revenue from operations

On January 26, 2015 the AUC issued Decision 3504-D01-2015, approving the Partnership's Interim Tariff Application for 2015, as filed, and increased the tariff, effective January 1, 2015, to \$60.8 million per month.

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

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Return on rate base	\$ 275,518	\$ 286,973
Recovery of forecast expenses	394,497	279,475
Deemed income taxes	59,435	54,952
Approved interim transmission tariff	729,450	621,400
(Repayable)/receivable directly assigned capital projects related revenue	(12,654)	27,739
(Repayable)/receivable property taxes and other	(1,684)	9,285
Adjustments related to regulatory activities	74,284	21,538
<b>Revenue from operations</b>	<b>\$ 789,396</b>	<b>\$ 679,962</b>

In the table above, the Partnership has adjusted the approved interim transmission tariff for deferral accounts and other items that the Partnership expects the AUC to incorporate in the Partnership's final approved tariffs. The Partnership has also included in the table, adjustments to recognize differences in accounting treatment for IFRS purposes, compared to regulatory purposes, as shown in more detail in the table below.

On June 1, 2015, the General Partner amended its 2015-2016 GTA, seeking the AUC's approval of measures to reduce transmission tariffs for AltaLink's customers and strengthen the Partnership's capital structure. As the Partnership is unable to determine whether the AUC will approve the measures applied for in the GTA, as amended and updated, no adjustment has been made to recognize the impact of those items in the revenue reflected above. Any adjustments to transmission tariff will be recorded in the period in which the decision is issued. On October 24, 2015, the General Partner filed an update to the 2015-2016 GTA (as amended) to reflect changes stemming from, among other things, decreases to AltaLink's 2015 and 2016 direct assign capital forecast and 2016 escalation rates. The oral hearing for the GTA was completed in December 2015 and the final decision from the AUC is expected in the second quarter of 2016.

On December 23, 2015, the AUC approved the Partnership's request to continue its 2015 interim transmission tariff, effective January 1, 2016, until a final decision is issued for the 2015-2016 GTA.

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 issued Decision 2191-D01-2015 in March 2015 and in its decision, AUC decreased the generic rate of return on common equity from 8.75% to 8.30% and decreased the Partnership's common equity ratio from 37% to 36% for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015. The approved rates will remain in effect on an interim basis for 2016 and beyond. The decision reduced the revenue that had previously been recognized for 2013 and 2014 by approximately \$11 million and \$16 million, respectively.

The impact of the GCOC Decision is shown below.

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
2013 and 2014 GCOC adjustments	\$ (27,200)	\$ —

For the year ended December 31, 2015, approximately 92% of the Partnership's revenue is attributable to the AESO (December 31, 2014 – approximately 93%).

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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
AFUDC net of capitalized borrowing costs	\$ 35,386	\$ 1,422
Revenue related to salvage costs [note 13]	45,618	27,125
Recovery of loss on disposal of assets	22,655	15,940
Salvage costs transferred to deferred revenue [note 13]	(28,486)	(22,206)
Other	(889)	(743)
	\$ 74,284	\$ 21,538

## 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, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Third party contributions revenue [note 13]	\$ 24,402	\$ 20,038
Costs recovered from third parties	32,089	13,348
Services provided to third parties	5,078	4,648
Tower, land and other lease revenue	1,684	2,039
Related party and other revenue	3,658	8,393
	\$ 66,911	\$ 48,466

## 19. Expenses

### Operating expenses

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Employee salaries and benefits	\$ 49,891	\$ 50,434
Contracted labour	54,901	41,975
Other operating expenses	24,378	22,872
	<b>\$ 129,170</b>	<b>\$ 115,281</b>

### Property taxes, salvage and other expenses

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
Property and business tax	\$ 36,420	\$ 29,327
Salvage expenses	45,618	27,125
Annual structure payments	14,170	12,595
Self insurance reserve	1,286	6,862
Hearing expenses	1,156	2,399
	<b>\$ 98,650</b>	<b>\$ 78,308</b>

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, 2015, the Partners invested additional equity of \$120.5 million (December 31, 2014- \$445.6 million). No partnership units were issued during the year ended December 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014 – nil).

## 21. Other cash flow information

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
<b>Change in other items</b>		
Employee benefits and other liabilities	\$ (1,282)	\$ 3,413
Amortization of financing fees and capitalized borrowing costs	(28,050)	(239)
Deferred revenue for salvage	(17,132)	(4,919)
Financial assets related to regulated activities, non-current	(46,765)	(22,722)
Financial liabilities related to regulated activities, non-current	818	(3,677)
	<b>\$ (92,411)</b>	<b>\$ (28,144)</b>
<b>Change in non-cash working capital</b>		
Trade and other receivables	\$ 4,058	\$ (17,537)
Trade and other payables	(120,093)	20,284
	<b>\$ (116,035)</b>	<b>\$ 2,747</b>
Related to operating activities	\$ 58,400	\$ (29,388)
Related to investing activities	(174,435)	32,135
	<b>\$ (116,035)</b>	<b>\$ 2,747</b>
<b>Change in other financing activities</b>		
Deferred financing fees	\$ (2,540)	\$ (6,359)
Third party deposits	8,235	56,082
Third party deposits liability	(8,235)	(56,082)
	<b>\$ (2,540)</b>	<b>\$ (6,359)</b>

## 22. Commitments

The contractual commitments of the Partnership associated with the construction of new facilities as at December 31, 2015 are \$537.2 million (December 31, 2014 - \$979.4 million).

The Partnership is committed to operating leases that have lease terms which expire between 2016 and 2026. Of the total expected minimum lease payments, approximately 90% relates to the Partnership's head office leases.

Expected minimum lease payments in future years are as follows:

	As at December 31, 2015
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	
<b>Operating lease obligations payable on non-cancellable leases are as follows:</b>	
No later than 1 year	\$ 4,280
Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	15,986
Later than 5 years	14,858
	<b>\$ 35,124</b>

## 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 another utility and are under an operating services agreement with the Partnership. In September 2014, the other utility 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 damages against the construction company, which in turn filed third party claims against the Partnership and the other utility.
- The AUC approved a project to upgrade a transmission line that is owned by another utility and located on land owned by a First Nation, which has refused to allow the Partnership to access its land. In December 2014, the First Nation filed a Statement of Claim against a number of parties, including the Partnership.
- The Partnership has a number of cost recovery applications that are currently before the AUC, as part of the normal regulatory process for reviewing cost recovery applications before making a final decision on the prudence of such costs.
- The Partnership has found instances of equipment, engineering or construction deficiencies following acceptance and energization of some assets, prior to expiration of warranty periods. Claims processes are in place to seek recovery for such deficiencies. Arbitration or litigation may occur in relation to any claims process, which may result in litigation by or against the Partnership.

At this time, in the opinion of management, the occurrence of a future event confirming a contingent loss is not determinable.