

# UNIT CORPORATION

2005  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



**UNIT CORPORATION**

## Corporate Profile

We are a diversified energy company engaged through our subsidiaries in

- the contract drilling of onshore oil and natural gas wells,
- the exploration and production of oil and natural gas,
- the acquisition of producing oil and natural gas properties, and
- the buying, selling, gathering, processing and treating of natural gas.

Our operations are mainly located in the Mid-Continent, Rocky Mountain and Gulf Coast Basins. Our corporate offices are located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with regional offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Woodward, Oklahoma; Booker, Texas; Borger, Texas; Houston, Texas; Humble, Texas; Midland, Texas; Weatherford, Texas; Denver, Colorado; and Casper, Wyoming.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "UNT."

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## Definitions and Abbreviations

Mcf	Thousand cubic feet of natural gas
MMcf	Million cubic feet of natural gas
Mcfe	Thousand cubic feet equivalent of natural gas
MMcfe	Million cubic feet equivalent of natural gas
Bcf	Billion cubic feet of natural gas
Bcfe	Billion cubic feet equivalent of natural gas
Bbls	Barrels of oil
MBbls	Thousand barrels of oil
Btu	British thermal unit
MBtu	Thousand British thermal units
MMBtu	Million British thermal units

# T H R E E - Y E A R F I N A N C I A L A N D O P E R A T I O N A L S U M M A R Y

Year Ended December 31,	2005		2004	2003
<b>SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA</b>				
Revenues	<b>\$ 885,608,000</b>	71%	\$ 519,203,000	\$ 301,377,000
Net Income Before Change in Accounting Principle	<b>\$ 212,442,000</b>	135%	\$ 90,275,000	\$ 48,864,000
Net Income Before Change in Accounting Principle per Common Share (Diluted)	<b>\$ 4.60</b>	134%	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.12
Net Income	<b>\$ 212,442,000</b>	135%	\$ 90,275,000	\$ 50,189,000
Net Income per Common Share (Diluted)	<b>\$ 4.60</b>	134%	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.15
Total Assets	<b>\$ 1,456,195,000</b>	42%	\$ 1,023,136,000	\$ 712,925,000
Long-Term Debt	<b>\$ 145,000,000</b>	52%	\$ 95,500,000	\$ 400,000
Shareholders' Equity	<b>\$ 836,962,000</b>	38%	\$ 608,269,000	\$ 515,768,000
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<b>\$ 317,771,000</b>	56%	\$ 203,210,000	\$ 121,712,000
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (Diluted)	<b>46,189,000</b>	1%	45,934,000	43,773,000

## SELECTED OPERATIONAL DATA

Future Estimated Net Revenue from Proved Reserves:				
Discounted at 10% Before Income Taxes	<b>\$ 1,312,902,000</b>	196%	\$ 787,067,000	\$ 598,103,000
Discounted at 10% After Income Taxes	<b>\$ 863,683,000</b>	152%	\$ 521,612,000	\$ 420,254,000
Net Estimated Proved Reserves:				
Natural Gas (Mcf)	<b>352,841,000</b>	19%	295,406,000	254,192,000
Oil (Barrels)	<b>9,871,000</b>	15%	8,561,000	5,141,000
Equivalent Natural Gas (Mcf)	<b>412,066,000</b>	19%	346,775,000	285,036,000
Net Production:				
Natural Gas (Mcf)	<b>34,058,000</b>	25%	27,149,000	20,648,000
Oil (Barrels)	<b>1,084,000</b>	3%	1,048,000	516,000
Equivalent Natural Gas (Mcf)	<b>40,565,000</b>	21%	33,438,000	23,742,000
Gross Wells Producing or Capable of Producing	<b>6,465</b>	10%	5,885	3,393
Net Wells Producing or Capable of Producing	<b>1,258.9</b>	15%	1,091.2	830.0
Average Price Received:				
Natural Gas (Per Mcf)	<b>\$ 7.64</b>	41%	\$ 5.42	\$ 4.87
Oil (Per Barrel)	<b>\$ 50.14</b>	51%	\$ 33.20	\$ 26.94
Number of Drilling Rigs Owned at Year End	<b>112</b>	12%	100	88
Average Number of Rigs Used	<b>102.1</b>	16%	88.1	62.9
Gas Gathered (MMBtu/day)	<b>142,444</b>	330%	33,147	16,413
Gas Processed (MMBtu/day)	<b>30,613</b>	128%	13,412	92

## SELECTED FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

Production Replacement	<b>261%</b>		285%	166%
Production Expense per Mcfe	<b>\$ 1.32</b>	22%	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.90
DD&A Rate per Mcfe	<b>\$ 1.65</b>	17%	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.14

## LETTER TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

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2005 marked a year of many achievements for Unit Corporation as we celebrated all-time records in each of our business segments and received a number of accolades from the investment community. We set company records in:

- revenue, net income and cash flow,
- the amount of our oil and natural gas reserves,
- the amount of our oil and natural gas production,
- dayrates, cash flow margins per day, the number of drilling rigs we owned and utilized, and
- volumes of natural gas gathered and processed per day.

Our ability to respond and grow in favorable as well as unfavorable industry conditions has been one of our major strengths over the years. Our growth today is, in part, the result of our historical decision to concentrate our operations in the natural gas basins in the United States. Along with our focus on natural gas, our results also demonstrate the success of our strategic goals of:

- maximizing the value of the drilling company by improving its market share and utilization rate while developing new markets for our services,
- growing the exploration and production company's oil and natural gas reserve base

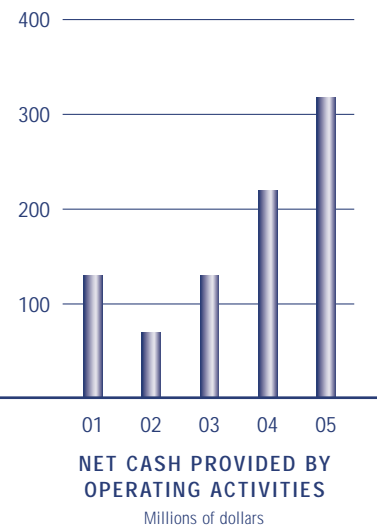
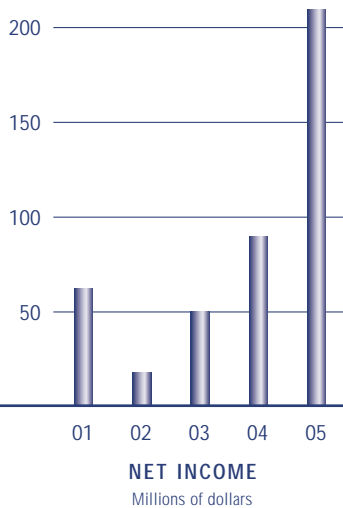
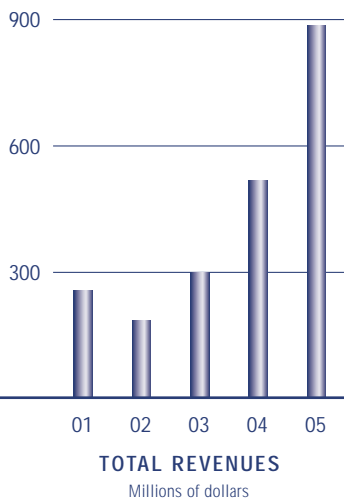
by more than 150% of annual production while exceeding our economic objectives,

- growing the gas gathering and processing company through construction or acquisition of new systems and facilities, and
- maintaining a low debt to equity position while enhancing our financial strength.

By adding 12 drilling rigs in 2005, our contract drilling rig fleet reached a record total of 112 drilling rigs. We accomplished this increase through internal construction and the acquisition of seven drilling rigs in August. Six of the seven drilling rigs were operating in the very active Barnett Shale area of North Texas, which added a new market for our drilling operations.

Our drilling rig fleet consists primarily of medium-to-deep depth drilling rigs with an average depth capacity of 16,140 feet, though we are capable of drilling wells up to 7.5 miles deep. We are currently the 4th largest medium-to-deep depth land driller in the United States and are known for providing high quality equipment and experienced personnel. At present, we own 111 drilling rigs, having lost one drilling rig in a fire in January 2006.

We plan to add ten drilling rigs to our fleet in 2006. So far in 2006, we have acquired a 1,000 horsepower electric drilling rig which we anticipate will be operational in April, and are currently constructing two additional 1,500 horsepower SCR drilling rigs. The first of these two drilling



rigs should be completed and operational in April, and the second in June. In addition, we have ordered two new 1,500 horsepower SCR drilling rigs. The first of these drilling rigs should be operational in April and the second drilling rig is expected to be placed into operation in May.

At year-end 2005, our exploration and production operations achieved record oil and natural gas reserves of 412 Bcf of equivalent natural gas, consisting of 9.9 million barrels of oil and 352.8 Bcf of natural gas, a 19% equivalent increase over 2004. For the 22nd consecutive year, we achieved our goal of replacing more than 150% of our production with new reserves. During 2005, we achieved record production of 40.6 Bcfe, a 21% increase over 2004. We are optimistic about the outlook for our operations given current oil and natural gas prices.

We plan to participate in the drilling of 235 wells during 2006, a 22% increase over 2005, and we expect to achieve a 12% to 14% growth in production in 2006.

In 2004, we added a third business segment to our operations with the purchase of the remaining interest in Superior Pipeline Company L.L.C. that we did not already own. This purchase allowed us to enter fully into the natural gas gathering, processing, buying, selling and treating segment of the industry. Superior had an outstanding year in 2005. It gathered record volumes of 142,444 MMBtu per day, a 330%

increase over 2004. Superior is a mid-stream company that operates two natural gas treatment plants, five processing plants, 36 active gathering systems and 500 miles of pipeline.

Our record 2005 financial performance was a direct result of the record growth in all our operations, as well as higher oil and natural gas prices and a favorable market environment. Year-over-year revenue increased 71% to \$885.6 million, while year-over-year earnings per share increased 134% to \$4.60 per diluted share on a total of 46.2 million shares. Net cash provided by operating activities increased 56% to \$317.8 million and our long-term debt at December 31, 2005 was \$145.0 million. Our debt-to-capitalization ratio is a conservative 15%.

In summary, 2005 was an outstanding year for Unit Corporation and the momentum of this cycle has continued into 2006. We are optimistic about the opportunities that this year will bring. As you read this year's annual report, please note the accolades that are highlighted on the following pages. We are proud of our success and achievements and look forward to sharing more of the same with you in 2006.

Sincerely,

**Larry D. Pinkston**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
March 13, 2006



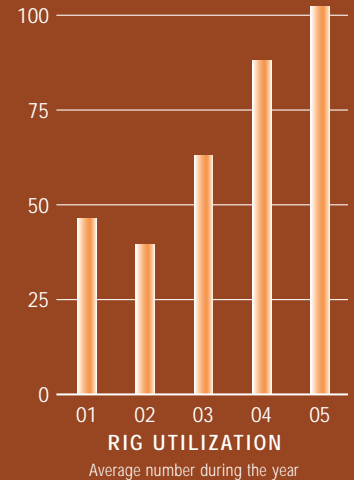
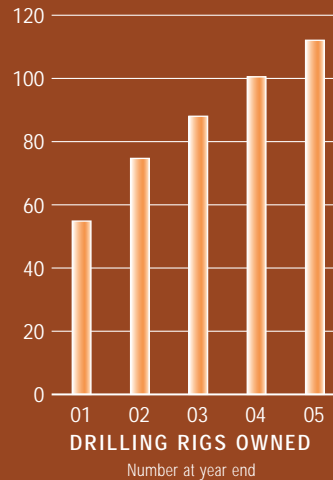
U N I T  
**DRILLING**  
C O M P A N Y

Since its beginnings in 1963, Unit Drilling Company has maintained a 43-year history of outstanding service to its customers. Our early drilling operations focused on the Anadarko Basin of Oklahoma and Texas and the Arkoma Basin. In 1994, we entered the East Texas and Gulf Coast regions followed by the Rocky Mountain region in 1999. With one of our acquisitions in 2005 we entered the Barnett Shale area of the North Texas region. Our operations now spread over ten different states.

Through construction and acquisitions we increased our drilling rig fleet from 100 to 112 drilling rigs in 2005. Our drilling rigs range in depth capacities from 5,000 to 40,000 feet, and we provide both vertical and horizontal services using both air and mud as a drilling medium. Currently, we have 111 operational drilling rigs, after losing one of our drilling rigs to a fire in January 2006.



Investor's Business Daily  
"The Fastest Growing, Top Rated Companies" list  
**Ranked 10th**



Our fleet is situated in five principal areas within the Mid-Continent region of the United States. Sixty drilling rigs are located in the Anadarko Basin, eight drilling rigs in the Arkoma Basin, 15 drilling rigs in the Gulf Coast region, 22 drilling rigs in the Rocky Mountain region, and six drilling rigs in the North Texas region. Our field offices for our drilling operations are located in Oklahoma City and Woodward, Oklahoma; Houston, Borger and Weatherford, Texas and Casper, Wyoming.

Our average drilling rig utilization for the year was 102.1 drilling rigs, a 16% improvement over 2004. Drilling revenues for the year increased 55% to \$462.1 million, while average dayrates for the year rose 39% to \$12,431 per day. Our February 2006 dayrates are averaging \$17,129 per day, or \$2,272 per day higher than the fourth quarter average for 2005 and \$1,486 per day higher than the average for December 2005.

Contract drilling operating margins increased to 42% for the year, compared to 29% for 2004.

All indications suggest that demand for our drilling services should remain strong throughout 2006. During 2006, we plan to add ten additional drilling rigs to our fleet through a combination of acquisitions, construction and new builds. In 2006 we have acquired a 1,000 horsepower electric drilling rig that should be operational in April. We plan to add four new 1,500 horsepower SCR drilling rigs to our fleet during the first six months of the year. All four drilling rigs are presently under construction and two are in the final stages of completion. We anticipate that all four should be operational between April and June.

U N I T  
**PETROLEUM**  
C O M P A N Y

Unit Petroleum Company continues to grow and demonstrate its ability to expand its asset base regardless of volatile industry conditions. We have a proven record of successfully drilling low risk field extension or development well prospects generated by our geological and engineering staff that meet our risk-weighted economic objectives. Our acquisition program has also significantly contributed to our growth. This success has resulted in an average annual growth rate of 18% to our reserve base over the past 22 years.

As of December 31, 2005, total oil and natural gas reserves were a record 412.1 Bcfe, consisting of 9.9 million barrels of oil and 352.8 Bcf of natural gas, a 19% equivalent increase over year-end 2004 reserves. We added a net 107.7 Bcfe of new oil and natural gas reserves during the year through acquisitions and the drill bit, replacing 261% of our 2005 production. This makes 22 consecutive years that we have met our goal of replacing at least 150% of that year's production with new reserves. Our three-year average finding cost was \$2.25 per Mcfe.

During 2005, we participated in the drilling of 192 wells, a 14% increase from 2004. Ninety-two percent of these wells were completed as producing wells. We plan to participate in drilling an aggressive 235 wells during 2006, an increase of 22% over 2005.

Oil and natural gas revenues increased 72% to \$318.2 million due to higher commodity prices and increased production. Our natural gas price for 2005 averaged \$7.64 per Mcf, a 41% increase from 2004, while our oil price averaged \$50.14 per barrel, a 51% increase from the previous year.

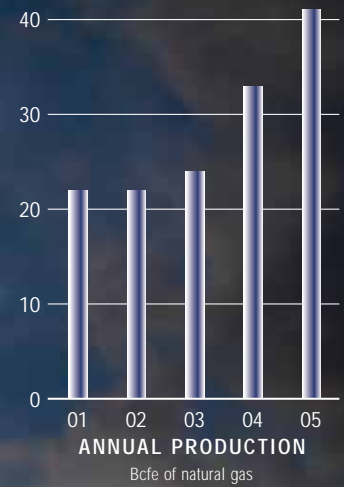
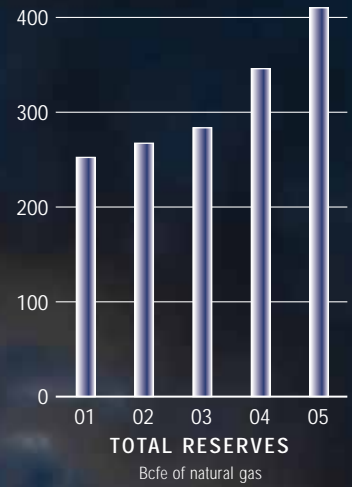
Total equivalent production increased 21% to 40.6 Bcfe. Of that total, we produced 34.1 Bcf of natural gas, a 25% increase, and 1.1 million barrels of oil, a 3% increase.

Our acreage inventory, the bulk of which is held by production, has grown to 1.2 million gross acres. We have identified a possible 665 drillable wells with potential net reserves to us of 355 Bcfe. At year end, we owned an interest in 6,465 wells.

For 2006, we intend to continue an aggressive drilling effort with a budget of \$240 million, excluding acquisitions. Of this amount, \$215 million is planned for exploration and development drilling. We believe that we are poised for another strong year of growth.



Investor's Business Daily  
"Top Companies in Oil & Gas Drilling Group" list  
**Ranked 3rd** (out of 27 stocks in this sector)



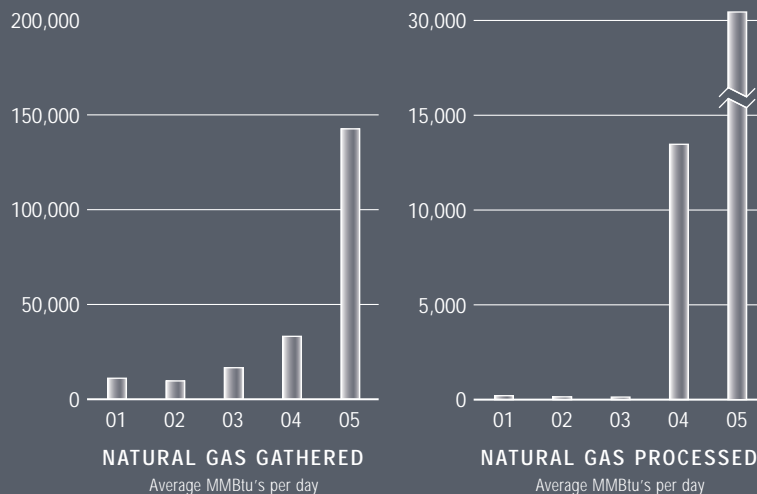


SUPERIOR  
**PIPELINE**  
COMPANY



Forbes 200 Best Small Companies list  
**Ranked 45th**

Forbes 100 Best Mid-Cap Stocks list  
**Ranked 4th**



Superior Pipeline Company, L.L.C. was formed in 1996 with Unit Corporation owning 40% of the company. In July of 2004, Unit purchased the 60% of Superior that it did not own.

Superior's primary purpose is to engage in the mid-stream segment of the natural gas business. Superior has grown over the years through grass roots construction projects, acquisitions and a strong customer base of mostly independent producers.

Superior's operations are located in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas. Its asset base currently consists of two natural gas treatment plants, five operated natural gas processing plants, 36 active gathering systems and 500 miles of pipeline.

Gas gathering and processing revenues increased 238% to \$100.5 million in 2005. During the year, it gathered 142,444 MMBtu per day and

processed 30,613 MMBtu per day, a significant increase of 330% and 128%, respectively, over 2004.

For 2006, Superior's capital expenditure budget is \$10 million for new projects. We intend to expand its geographical focus and to grow by expanding both its existing facilities and systems and acquiring or building new systems and facilities.

The regulatory environment is constantly changing in this industry. We intend to position ourselves to take advantage of any opportunities that may arise from those changes.

We are looking forward to the further expansion of Superior's operations as the company continues to grow.

# D I R E C T O R S   A N D   O F F I C E R S

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **John G. Nikkel**

Chairman of the Board

### **J. Michael Adcock**

Chairman of the Board of Arvest Bank  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

### **Gary Christopher**

Investments  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **Don Cook**

Retired Partner, Finley & Cook  
Certified Public Accountants  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

### **King P. Kirchner**

Co-founder, Unit Corporation  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **William B. Morgan**

Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel of  
St. John Health System, Inc.  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **Larry D. Pinkston**

President and Chief Executive Officer

### **Robert Sullivan, Jr.**

Principal, Sullivan and Company LLC  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **John H. Williams**

Investments  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## OFFICERS

### **John G. Nikkel**

Chairman of the Board

### **Larry D. Pinkston**

President and Chief Executive Officer

### **Mark E. Schell**

Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

### **David T. Merrill**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### **Don Cook (Chairman)**

**Gary Christopher**

**William B. Morgan**

## NOMINATING & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### **William B. Morgan (Chairman)**

**J. Michael Adcock**

**John H. Williams**

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

### **J. Michael Adcock (Chairman)**

**Don Cook**

**William B. Morgan**

**John H. Williams**

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

### **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**

## INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ENGINEERS

### **Ryder Scott Company, L.P.**

**Houston, Texas**

**The Oklahoman's**  
**"Oklahoma Inc." list of the state's top companies**

**Ranked 5th** (out of 33 companies)

**Tulsa World's Investment Guide**

**Ranked 3rd** (out of 20 companies selected)

# C O R P O R A T E I N F O R M A T I O N

## CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

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## INTERNET ADDRESS

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## TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Communications concerning the transfer of shares, lost certificates and changes of address should be directed to:

Transfer Agent/Registrar  
Mellon Investor Services, LLC  
480 Washington Blvd.  
Jersey City, NJ 07310-1900

You may reach them by telephone at 800-710-0929 or via the Internet at <http://www.melloninvestor.com/isd>.

## STOCK LISTING

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: "UNT" During 2005, 93.3 million shares of our stock were traded on the NYSE, compared with 60.2 million shares in 2004. Approximately 46.1 million shares were outstanding at the end of 2005.

## SHAREHOLDER PROFILE

We had 1,467 shareholders of record at year-end 2005.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting of stockholders will be held at 11:00 a.m. Central Time on May 3, 2006 in the Tulsa Room, in the Bank of Oklahoma Tower, 9th floor, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Form 10-Q reports are available in May, August and November. The Form 10-K and Form 10-Q are available for viewing on our website at [www.unitcorp.com](http://www.unitcorp.com). Copies of the Forms 10-K, 10-Q and Annual Report, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are available without charge on written request to Linda Swanson, Investor Relations Department, 7130 South Lewis Avenue, Suite 1000, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136. Telephone: 918-493-7700.

## NYSE CERTIFICATION

As required by the rules of the NYSE, we submitted a Section 12(a) CEO Certification to the NYSE last year. We also filed with the SEC the CEO/CFO Certification required under Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley.

# S E L E C T E D   F I N A N C I A L   &   O P E R A T I O N A L   D A T A

**Year Ended December 31,** 2005 2004 2003 2002 2001

(Dollars in thousands except per share and average price amounts)

## Statement of Income Data:

### Revenues:

Contract drilling	<b>\$ 462,141</b>	\$ 298,204	\$ 183,146	\$ 118,173	\$ 167,042
Oil and natural gas	<b>\$ 318,208</b>	\$ 185,017	\$ 116,609	\$ 67,959	\$ 90,237
Gas gathering and processing	<b>\$ 100,464</b>	\$ 29,717	\$ 606	\$ 357	\$ 492
Income before change in accounting principle	<b>\$ 212,442</b>	\$ 90,275	\$ 48,864	\$ 18,244	\$ 62,766
Net income	<b>\$ 212,442</b>	\$ 90,275	\$ 50,189	\$ 18,244	\$ 62,766
Income before change in accounting principle per common share:					
Basic	<b>\$ 4.62</b>	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.75
Diluted	<b>\$ 4.60</b>	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.73
Net income per common share:					
Basic	<b>\$ 4.62</b>	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.75
Diluted	<b>\$ 4.60</b>	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.73

## Balance Sheet Data:

Total assets	<b>\$ 1,456,195</b>	\$ 1,023,136	\$ 712,925	\$ 578,163	\$ 417,253
Other long-term liabilities	<b>\$ 41,981</b>	\$ 37,725	\$ 17,893	\$ 5,439	\$ 4,110
Long-term debt	<b>\$ 145,000</b>	\$ 95,500	\$ 400	\$ 30,500	\$ 31,000
Shareholders' equity	<b>\$ 836,962</b>	\$ 608,269	\$ 515,768	\$ 421,372	\$ 279,162

## Statement of Cash Flows Data:

Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>\$ 317,771</b>	\$ 203,210	\$ 121,712	\$ 70,547	\$ 133,021
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions (cash basis)	<b>\$ 390,863</b>	\$ 314,026	\$ 131,162	\$ 75,225(1)	\$ 108,339

## Contract Drilling Operations Data:

Number of rigs at year end	<b>112</b>	100	88	75	55
Wells drilled	<b>980</b>	832	530	318	361
Total footage drilled (feet in 1,000's)	<b>10,815</b>	9,261	6,580	3,829	4,008
Average number of rigs utilized	<b>102.1</b>	88.1	62.9	39.1	46.3

## Oil and Natural Gas Operations Data:

Proved oil and natural gas reserves discounted at 10% (before income taxes)	<b>\$ 1,312,902</b>	\$ 787,067	\$ 598,103	\$ 483,826	\$ 231,193
Proved oil and natural gas reserves discounted at 10% (after income taxes)	<b>\$ 863,683</b>	\$ 521,612	\$ 420,254	\$ 345,314	\$ 177,583
Total estimated proved reserves:					
Natural gas (MMcf)	<b>352,841</b>	295,406	254,192	244,811	228,254
Oil (MBbl)	<b>9,871</b>	8,561	5,141	4,096	4,343
Production:					
Natural gas (MMcf)	<b>34,058</b>	27,149	20,648	18,968	18,864
Oil (MBbl)	<b>1,084</b>	1,048	516	473	492
Average price:					
Natural gas (per Mcf)	<b>\$ 7.64</b>	\$ 5.42	\$ 4.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 4.00
Oil (per Bbl)	<b>\$ 50.14</b>	\$ 33.20	\$ 26.94	\$ 21.54	\$ 23.62

### Oil and natural gas wells producing or capable of producing at end of year:

	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Natural gas	<b>3,719</b>	<b>830.0</b>	3,169	672.6	2,590	549.6	2,514	526.1	2,252	459.0
Oil	<b>2,746</b>	<b>428.9</b>	2,716	418.6	803	280.4	790	273.3	786	279.0
Total	<b>6,465</b>	<b>1,258.9</b>	5,885	1,091.2	3,393	830.0	3,304	799.4	3,038	738.0

## Gas Gathering and Processing Operations Data:

Gas gathered (MMBtu/day)	<b>142,444</b>	33,147	16,413	9,474	10,752
Gas processed (MMBtu/day)	<b>30,613</b>	13,412	92	94	153

(1) Through the acquisition of CREC Rig Equipment Company and CDC Drilling Company, Unit had non-cash capital additions of \$122,491,000 for the 7,220,000 shares given as a portion of the consideration for the companies.





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