

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2024
OR
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.
Commission file number 1-10447

COTERRA ENERGY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-3072771
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Three Memorial City Plaza
840 Gessner Road, Suite 1400, Houston, Texas 77024
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(281) 589-4600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	CTRA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of October 29, 2024, there were 736,613,020 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, outstanding.

COTERRA ENERGY INC.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. Financial Statements
COTERRA ENERGY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share amounts)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 843	\$ 956
Restricted cash	5	9
Accounts receivable, net	764	843
Income taxes receivable	7	51
Inventories	46	59
Other current assets	70	97
Total current assets	1,735	2,015
Properties and equipment, net (successful efforts method)	17,941	17,933
Other assets	450	467
	<u>\$ 20,126</u>	<u>\$ 20,415</u>
LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 773	\$ 803
Current portion of long-term debt	—	575
Accrued liabilities	291	261
Interest payable	16	21
Total current liabilities	1,080	1,660
Long-term debt	2,066	1,586
Deferred income taxes	3,359	3,413
Asset retirement obligations	288	280
Other liabilities	291	429
Total liabilities	7,084	7,368
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Cimarex redeemable preferred stock	8	8
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock:		
Authorized — 1,800 shares of \$0.10 par value in 2024 and 2023		
Issued — 736 shares and 751 shares in 2024 and 2023, respectively	74	75
Additional paid-in capital	7,233	7,587
Retained earnings	5,716	5,366
Accumulated other comprehensive income	11	11
Total stockholders' equity	13,034	13,039
	<u>\$ 20,126</u>	<u>\$ 20,415</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

COTERRA ENERGY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
OPERATING REVENUES				
Oil	\$ 765	\$ 684	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,925
Natural gas	320	481	1,177	1,739
NGL	186	170	535	476
Gain on derivative instruments	64	3	48	129
Other	24	18	63	49
	<u>1,359</u>	<u>1,356</u>	<u>4,063</u>	<u>4,318</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Direct operations	165	137	481	401
Gathering, processing and transportation	245	235	737	729
Taxes other than income	66	62	194	211
Exploration	9	5	19	14
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	475	421	1,354	1,185
General and administrative	75	79	218	213
	<u>1,035</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>3,003</u>	<u>2,753</u>
Gain on sale of assets	3	7	3	12
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>327</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,577</u>
Interest expense	24	17	77	50
Interest income	(16)	(10)	(51)	(32)
Income before income taxes	319	417	1,037	1,559
Income tax expense	67	94	213	350
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 252</u>	<u>\$ 323</u>	<u>\$ 824</u>	<u>\$ 1,209</u>
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.59
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.58
Weighted-average common shares outstanding				
Basic	738	753	743	757
Diluted	744	758	749	762

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COTERRA ENERGY INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 824	\$ 1,209
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,354	1,185
Deferred income tax expense	(60)	19
Gain on sale of assets	(3)	(12)
Exploratory dry hole cost	5	—
Gain on derivative instruments	(48)	(129)
Net cash received on settlement of derivative instruments	90	238
Amortization of debt premium, discount and debt issuance costs	(13)	(13)
Stock-based compensation and other	43	43
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	79	494
Income taxes	44	165
Inventories	13	(1)
Other current assets	(17)	(5)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(29)	(292)
Interest payable	(5)	(6)
Other assets and liabilities	(108)	3
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,169	2,898
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital expenditures for drilling, completion and other fixed asset additions	(1,329)	(1,621)
Capital expenditures for leasehold and property acquisitions	(6)	(8)
Purchases of short-term investments	(250)	—
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	250	—
Proceeds from sale of assets	8	40
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,327)	(1,589)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of debt	499	—
Repayments of debt	(575)	—
Common stock repurchases	(401)	(385)
Dividends paid	(470)	(739)
Other	(12)	(12)
Net cash used in financing activities	(959)	(1,136)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(117)	173
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	965	683
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 848	\$ 856

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COTERRA ENERGY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Common Shares	Common Stock Par	Treasury Shares	Treasury Stock	Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at December 31, 2023	751	\$ 75	—	\$ —	\$ 7,587	\$ 11	\$ 5,366	\$ 13,039
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	352	352
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15
Common stock repurchases	—	—	6	(157)	—	—	—	(157)
Common stock retirements	(6)	—	(6)	157	(157)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.21 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(160)	(160)
Balance at March 31, 2024	745	\$ 75	—	\$ —	\$ 7,445	\$ 11	\$ 5,558	\$ 13,089
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	220	220
Exercise of stock options	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	16
Common stock repurchases	—	—	5	(139)	—	—	—	(139)
Common stock retirements	(5)	(1)	(5)	139	(138)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.21 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(158)	(158)
Balance at June 30, 2024	740	\$ 74	—	\$ —	\$ 7,324	\$ 11	\$ 5,620	\$ 13,029
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	252	252
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	17
Common stock repurchases	—	—	4	(108)	—	—	—	(108)
Common stock retirements	(4)	—	(4)	108	(108)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.21 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(156)	(156)
Balance at September 30, 2024	736	\$ 74	—	\$ —	\$ 7,233	\$ 11	\$ 5,716	\$ 13,034

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Common Shares	Common Stock Par	Treasury Shares	Treasury Stock	Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at December 31, 2022	768	\$ 77	—	\$ —	\$ 7,933	\$ 13	\$ 4,636	\$ 12,659
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	677	677
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	13
Conversion of Cimarex redeemable preferred stock	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Common stock repurchases	—	—	11	(271)	—	—	—	(271)
Common stock retirements	(11)	(1)	(11)	271	(270)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.57 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(438)	(438)
Balance at March 31, 2023	757	\$ 76	—	\$ —	\$ 7,679	\$ 13	\$ 4,875	\$ 12,643
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	209	209
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	17
Common stock repurchases	—	—	2	(57)	—	—	—	(57)
Common stock retirements	(2)	—	(2)	57	(57)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.20 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(153)	(153)
Balance at June 30, 2023	755	\$ 76	—	\$ —	\$ 7,639	\$ 13	\$ 4,931	\$ 12,659
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	323	323
Stock amortization and vesting	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	21
Common stock repurchases	—	—	2	(60)	—	—	—	(60)
Common stock retirements	(2)	(1)	(2)	60	(59)	—	—	—
Cash dividends on common stock at \$0.20 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—	(153)	(153)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Balance at September 30, 2023	753	\$ 75	—	\$ —	\$ 7,601	\$ 12	\$ 5,101	\$ 12,789

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

COTERRA ENERGY INC.**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)****1. Financial Statement Presentation**

During interim periods, Coterra Energy Inc. (the “Company”) follows the same accounting policies disclosed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the “Form 10-K”) filed with the SEC, except for any new accounting pronouncements adopted during the period. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and information presented in the Form 10-K. In management’s opinion, the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year.

From time-to-time, we make certain reclassifications to prior year statements to conform with the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no impact on previously reported stockholders’ equity, net income or cash flows.

Significant Accounting Policies***Short-term Investments***

The Company’s short-term investments include certificates of deposit with maturities between three months and one year. Certificates of deposit are recorded at cost.

2. Properties and Equipment, Net

Properties and equipment, net are comprised of the following:

(In millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Proved oil and gas properties	\$ 21,245	\$ 19,582
Unproved oil and gas properties	4,224	4,617
Gathering and pipeline systems	596	527
Land, buildings and other equipment	211	216
Finance lease right-of-use asset	26	25
	<u>26,302</u>	<u>24,967</u>
Accumulated DD&A	<u>(8,361)</u>	<u>(7,034)</u>
	<u>\$ 17,941</u>	<u>\$ 17,933</u>

Capitalized Exploratory Well Costs

As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company did not have any projects with exploratory well costs capitalized for a period of greater than one year after drilling.

3. Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreements

The following table includes a summary of the Company's long-term debt:

(In millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
3.65% weighted-average private placement senior notes ⁽¹⁾	\$ 250	\$ 825
3.90% senior notes due May 15, 2027	750	750
4.375% senior notes due March 15, 2029	500	500
5.60% senior notes due March 15, 2034	500	—
Revolving credit agreement	—	—
Total	2,000	2,075
Unamortized debt premium	74	90
Unamortized debt discount	(1)	—
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(7)	(4)
Total debt	2,066	2,161
Less: current portion of long-term debt	—	575
Long-term debt	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,586

(1) The 3.65% weighted-average senior notes include bullet maturities, of which \$575 million was repaid in September 2024 and \$250 million will mature in September 2026.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants for its revolving credit agreement and its 3.65% weighted-average private placement senior notes (the "private placement senior notes").

Revolving Credit Agreement

On September 12, 2024, the Company entered into an Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") relating to its revolving credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (the "Administrative Agent"), and certain lenders and issuing banks party thereto (as amended by the Amendment, and further amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"). The Amendment has increased the aggregate revolving commitments under the Credit Agreement from \$1.5 billion to \$2.0 billion, extended the Credit Agreement maturity date from March 10, 2028 to September 12, 2029, made certain amendments to the representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, and made certain other modifications. The Company incurred \$4 million of debt issuance costs related to the Amendment which were capitalized and will be amortized over the term of the amended Credit Agreement.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to, at the Company's option, either a term secured overnight financing rate ("SOFR") plus a 0.10 percent credit spread adjustment for all tenors or a base rate, plus, in each case, an interest rate margin which ranges from 0 to 75 basis points for base rate loans and 100 to 175 basis points for term SOFR loans, based on the Company's credit rating. The commitment fee on the unused available credit is calculated at annual rates ranging from 10 basis points to 25 basis points, based on the Company's credit rating. The maturity date of the Credit Agreement can be extended for additional one-year periods on up to two occasions upon the agreement of the Company and lenders holding at least 50 percent of the commitments under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains customary covenants, including the maintenance of a maximum leverage ratio of no more than 3.0 to 1.0 as of the last day of any fiscal quarter until such time as the Company has no other debt in a principal amount in excess of \$75 million outstanding that has a financial maintenance covenant based on a leverage ratio, at which time the Credit Agreement requires maintenance of a ratio of total net debt to capitalization of no more than 65 percent (with all calculations based on definitions contained in the Credit Agreement).

As of September 30, 2024, the Company had no borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit agreement and unused commitments of \$2.0 billion.

5.60% Senior Notes due March 15, 2034

On March 13, 2024, the Company issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.60% senior notes due 2034 (the "2034 senior notes"). The 2034 senior notes will mature on March 15, 2034, and interest on such notes is payable semi-

annually. The 2034 senior notes are general, unsecured obligations of the Company. Under the terms of the indenture governing the 2034 senior notes, the Company may redeem all or any portion of the 2034 senior notes on any date at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus applicable redemption prices described in the governing indenture. The Company is also subject to various covenants and events of default customarily found in such debt instruments. The 2034 senior notes were issued at a discount of \$1 million, and the Company incurred approximately \$5 million of debt issuance costs that were capitalized and will be amortized over the term of such notes.

4. Derivative Instruments

As of September 30, 2024, the Company had the following outstanding financial commodity derivatives:

Oil	2024		2025			
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter
WTI oil collars						
Volume (MBbl)	3,680	3,330	3,367	2,024	2,024	2,024
Weighted average floor (\$/Bbl)	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.89	\$ 61.89	\$ 62.05	\$ 62.05	\$ 62.05
Weighted average ceiling (\$/Bbl)	\$ 86.20	\$ 81.40	\$ 81.40	\$ 81.15	\$ 81.15	\$ 81.15
WTI Midland oil basis swaps						
Volume (MBbl)	4,600	3,150	3,185	1,840	1,840	1,840
Weighted average differential (\$/Bbl)	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11
Natural Gas	2024		2025			2026
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter
NYMEX collars						
Volume (MMBtu)	34,990,000	36,000,000	36,400,000	36,800,000	36,800,000	27,000,000
Weighted average floor (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.75
Weighted average ceiling (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 4.46	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.15	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.66

In October 2024, the Company entered into the following financial commodity derivatives:

Oil	2024		2025			
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter
WTI oil collars						
Volume (MBbl)	305	810	819	1,288	1,288	1,288
Weighted average floor (\$/Bbl)	\$ 60.00	\$ 57.78	\$ 57.78	\$ 58.57	\$ 58.57	\$ 58.57
Weighted average ceiling (\$/Bbl)	\$ 92.57	\$ 80.18	\$ 80.18	\$ 80.09	\$ 80.09	\$ 80.09
WTI Midland oil basis swaps						
Volume (MBbl)	—	540	546	1,012	1,012	1,012
Weighted average differential (\$/Bbl)	\$ —	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.02

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(In millions)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Values of Derivative Instruments			
		Derivative Assets		Derivative Liabilities	
		September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Commodity contracts	Other current assets (current)	\$ 41	\$ 85	\$ —	\$ —
Commodity contracts	Other assets (non-current)	10	7	—	—
Commodity contracts	Other liabilities (non-current)	—	—	1	—
		<u>\$ 51</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Offsetting of Derivative Assets and Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(In millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Derivative assets		
Gross amounts of recognized assets	\$ 56	\$ 93
Gross amounts offset in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	(5)	(1)
Net amounts of assets presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	51	92
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	1	1
Net amount	<u>\$ 52</u>	<u>\$ 93</u>
Derivative liabilities		
Gross amounts of recognized liabilities	\$ 6	\$ 1
Gross amounts offset in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	(5)	(1)
Net amounts of liabilities presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	1	—
Gross amounts of financial instruments not offset in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	—	—
Net amount	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash received on settlement of derivative instruments				
Gas contracts	\$ 27	\$ 55	\$ 90	\$ 235
Oil contracts	1	—	—	3
Non-cash gain (loss) on derivative instruments				
Gas contracts	(12)	(40)	(56)	(93)
Oil contracts	48	(12)	14	(16)
	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>

5. Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the authoritative guidance for measuring fair value of assets and liabilities in its financial statements. For further information regarding the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

Financial Assets and Liabilities

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

(In millions)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at September 30, 2024
Assets				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16
Derivative instruments	—	—	56	56
	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 56</u>	<u>\$ 72</u>
Liabilities				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16
Derivative instruments	—	—	6	6
	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>

(In millions)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at December 31, 2023
Assets				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 33	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 33
Derivative instruments	—	—	93	93
	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 93</u>	<u>\$ 126</u>
Liabilities				
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 33	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 33
Derivative instruments	—	—	1	1
	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 34</u>

The Company's investments associated with its deferred compensation plans consist of mutual funds that are publicly traded and for which market prices are readily available.

The derivative instruments were measured based on quotes from the Company's counterparties. Such quotes have been derived using an income approach that considers various inputs, including current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, quoted forward commodity prices, basis differentials, volatility factors and interest rates for a similar length of time as the derivative contract term as applicable. Estimates are derived from, or verified using, relevant NYMEX futures contracts, are compared to multiple quotes obtained from counterparties and third-party valuation services, or a combination of the foregoing. The determination of the fair values presented above also incorporates a credit adjustment for non-performance risk. The Company measured the non-performance risk of its counterparties by reviewing credit default swap spreads for the various financial institutions with which it has derivative contracts while non-performance risk of the Company is evaluated using credit default swap spreads for various similarly rated companies in the same sector as the Company. The Company has not incurred any losses related to non-performance risk of its counterparties and does not anticipate any material impact on its financial results due to non-performance by third parties.

The most significant unobservable inputs relative to the Company's Level 3 derivative contracts are basis differentials, discount rates and volatility factors. An increase (decrease) in these unobservable inputs would result in an increase (decrease) in fair value, respectively. The Company does not have access to the specific assumptions used in its counterparties' or third-party valuation service provider's valuation models. Consequently, additional disclosures regarding significant Level 3 unobservable inputs were not provided.

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 92	\$ 146
Total gain (loss) included in earnings	48	129
Settlement (gain) loss	(90)	(238)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	—	—
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 37</u>
Change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets and liabilities still held at the end of the period	\$ 30	\$ 20

Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company discloses or recognizes its non-financial assets and liabilities, such as impairments of oil and gas properties or acquisitions, at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. As none of the Company's other non-financial assets and liabilities were measured at fair value as of September 30, 2024, additional disclosures were not required.

The estimated fair value of the Company's asset retirement obligations at inception is determined by utilizing the income approach by applying a credit-adjusted risk-free rate, which considers the Company's credit risk, the time value of money, and the current economic state to the undiscounted expected abandonment cash flows. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, the measurement of the asset retirement obligations was classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

The estimated fair value of other financial instruments is the amount at which the instruments could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy, and the remaining financial instruments are classified as Level 2.

The fair value of the Company's 3.90% senior notes due May 15, 2027, 4.375% senior notes due March 15, 2029 and 2034 senior notes is based on quoted market prices, which is classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the Company's 3.65% weighted-average private placement senior notes is based on third-party quotes, which are derived from credit spreads for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate and other unobservable inputs. The Company's 3.65% weighted-average private placement senior notes are valued using a market approach and are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The carrying amount and estimated fair value of debt are as follows:

(In millions)	September 30, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Total debt	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,989	\$ 2,161	\$ 2,015
Current maturities	—	—	(575)	(565)
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,586	\$ 1,450

6. Asset Retirement Obligations

Activity related to the Company's asset retirement obligations is as follows:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 289
Liabilities incurred	6
Liabilities settled	(2)
Accretion expense	8
Balance at end of period	301
Less: current asset retirement obligations	(13)
Noncurrent asset retirement obligations	\$ 288

7. Commitments and Contingencies

Contractual Obligations

The Company has various contractual obligations in the normal course of its operations. There have been no material changes to the Company's contractual obligations described under "Gathering, Processing and Transportation Agreements" and "Lease Commitments" as disclosed in Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K.

Legal Matters

Securities Litigation

In October 2020, a class action lawsuit styled *Delaware County Emp. Ret. Sys. v. Cabot Oil and Gas Corp., et. al.* (U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania), was filed against the Company, Dan O. Dinges, its then-Chief Executive Officer, and Scott C. Schroeder, its then-Chief Financial Officer, alleging that the Company made misleading statements in its periodic filings with the SEC in violation of Section 10(b) and Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The lawsuit was subsequently transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the plaintiffs amended the complaint to add claims against Phillip L. Stalnaker, the Company's then-Senior Vice President of Operations. The claims against Mr. Stalnaker, however, were later dismissed. The current amended complaint was filed on January 9, 2024 and alleges that the Company and the individual defendants made material misstatements and omissions regarding the Company's 2019 production growth guidance and the status of certain environmental matters in Pennsylvania, including alleged violations of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law and the remediation status of certain gas

wells. The plaintiffs allege claims under Section 10(b) and Section 20 of the Exchange Act and seek monetary damages, interest, and attorney's fees. The court has certified a class consisting of persons and entities who purchased the Company's common stock between February 22, 2016, and June 12, 2020, inclusive. On April 29, 2024, the Company and plaintiffs reached a settlement in principle, with most of the settlement amount to be paid by the Company's insurance carriers. The formal settlement agreement was filed with the court on June 3, 2024. On October 29, 2024, the court entered a final order accepting the settlement and dismissed the case with prejudice.

Also in October 2020, a stockholder derivative action styled *Ezell v. Dinges, et. al.* (U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania) was filed against Messrs. Dinges and Schroeder and the Board of Directors of the Company serving at that time. Several additional derivative complaints were also filed and have been consolidated with the *Ezell* lawsuit, which was later transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The most recent consolidated amended derivative complaint asserted claims for alleged securities violations under Section 10(b) and Section 21D of the Exchange Act arising from some of the same alleged misleading statements that form the basis of the class action lawsuit described above, as well as claims based on alleged breaches of fiduciary duty and statutory contribution theories. On January 2, 2024, the court issued an order and final judgment granting the Company's and defendants' motion to dismiss and dismissing the consolidated derivative case in its entirety with prejudice. The derivative plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal regarding the final judgment on February 1, 2024. The Company intends to vigorously defend any further proceedings in the derivative lawsuit.

On March 21, 2024, one of the plaintiffs in the above consolidated derivative action served a demand letter on the Company's current Board of Directors. The letter demanded that the Board of Directors pursue legal claims against various current and former officers and directors of the Company based on similar factual allegations as contained in the securities class action and consolidated shareholder derivative action described above. On June 11, 2024, the individual who made the demand filed a stockholder derivative lawsuit styled *Fischer v. Dinges et. al.* (U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas). The Board of Directors has formed a committee to advise it in addressing each of the demands and the lawsuit.

Other Legal Matters

The Company is a defendant in various other legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. All known liabilities are accrued when management determines they are probable and the potential loss is estimable. While the outcome and impact of these legal proceedings on the Company cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the resolution of these proceedings will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Contingency Reserves

When deemed necessary, the Company establishes reserves for certain legal proceedings. The establishment of a reserve is based on an estimation process that includes the advice of legal counsel and subjective judgment of management. While management believes these reserves to be adequate, it is reasonably possible that the Company could incur additional losses with respect to those matters for which reserves have been established. The Company believes that any such amount above the amounts accrued would not be material to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Future changes in facts and circumstances not currently known or foreseeable could result in the actual liability exceeding the estimated ranges of loss and amounts accrued.

8. Revenue Recognition

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table presents revenues from contracts with customers disaggregated by product:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Oil	\$ 765	\$ 684	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,925
Natural gas	320	481	1,177	1,739
NGL	186	170	535	476
Other	24	18	63	49
	<u>\$ 1,295</u>	<u>\$ 1,353</u>	<u>\$ 4,015</u>	<u>\$ 4,189</u>

All of the Company's revenues from contracts with customers on sales of oil, natural gas and NGL products are recognized at the point in time when control of the product is transferred to the customer and payment can be reasonably assured. All revenues are generated in the U.S.

Transaction Price Allocated to Remaining Performance Obligations

As of September 30, 2024, the Company had \$6.2 billion of unsatisfied performance obligations related to natural gas sales that have a fixed pricing component and a contract term greater than one year. The Company expects to recognize these obligations over the next 14 years.

Contract Balances

Receivables from contracts with customers are recorded when the right to consideration becomes unconditional, which is generally when control of the product has been transferred to the customer. Receivables from contracts with customers were \$565 million and \$723 million as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, and are reported in accounts receivable, net in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. As of September 30, 2024, the Company had no assets or liabilities related to its revenue contracts, including no upfront payments or rights to deficiency payments.

9. Capital Stock

Dividends

Common Stock

In February 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in the base quarterly dividend from \$0.20 per share to \$0.21 per share.

In February 2023, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in the base quarterly dividend from \$0.15 per share to \$0.20 per share.

The following table summarizes the Company's dividends on its common stock:

	Rate per share			Total Dividends (In millions)
	Base	Variable	Total	
2024				
First quarter	\$ 0.21	\$ —	\$ 0.21	\$ 160
Second quarter	0.21	—	0.21	158
Third quarter	0.21	—	0.21	156
	<u>\$ 0.63</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 0.63</u>	<u>\$ 474</u>
2023				
First quarter	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.57	\$ 438
Second quarter	0.20	—	0.20	153
Third quarter	0.20	—	0.20	153
	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 744</u>

Treasury Stock

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company repurchased and retired 15 million shares for \$404 million and as of September 30, 2024, had \$1.2 billion remaining under its current share repurchase program.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company repurchased and retired 15 million shares for \$388 million under its previous share repurchase program.

10. Stock-Based Compensation

General

Stock-based compensation expense of awards issued under the Company's incentive plans, and the income tax benefit of awards vested and exercised, are as follows:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Restricted stock units - employees and non-employee directors	\$ 11	\$ 14	\$ 32	\$ 28
Restricted stock awards	3	3	6	11
Performance share awards	—	4	5	12
Deferred performance shares	—	—	—	(7)
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 14	\$ 21	\$ 43	\$ 44
Income tax benefit	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2

Refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for further description of the various types of stock-based compensation awards and the applicable award terms.

Restricted Stock Units - Employees

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company granted 2,192,947 restricted stock units to employees of the Company with a weighted average grant date value of \$25.83 per unit. The fair value of restricted stock unit grants is based on the closing stock price on the grant date. Restricted stock units generally vest at the end of a three-year service period. The Company assumed a zero to five percent annual forfeiture rate for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for awards granted in 2024 based on the Company's actual forfeiture history and expectations for this type of award.

Restricted Stock Units - Non-Employees Directors

In May 2024, the Company granted 64,107 restricted stock units, with a weighted-average grant date value of \$28.08 per unit, to the Company's non-employee directors. The fair value of these units is measured based on the closing stock price on grant date. These units will vest on the earlier of April 2025 or upon the director's separation from the Company. Accordingly, the Company recognized compensation expense immediately.

Performance Share Awards

Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") Performance Share Awards. During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company granted 541,865 TSR Performance Share Awards, which are earned or not earned, based on the comparative performance of the Company's common stock measured against a predetermined group of companies in the Company's peer group and certain industry-related indices over a three-year performance period, which commenced on February 1, 2024 and ends on January 31, 2027.

These awards have both an equity and liability component, with the right to receive up to the first 100 percent of the award in shares of common stock and the right to receive up to an additional 100 percent of the value of the award in excess of the equity component in cash. These awards also include a feature that will reduce the potential cash component of the award if the actual performance is negative over the three-year period and the base calculation indicates an above-target payout. The equity portion of these awards is valued on the grant date and is not marked-to-market, while the liability portion of the awards is valued as of the end of each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. The Company calculates the fair value of the equity and liability portions of the awards using a Monte Carlo simulation model.

The Company assumed a zero percent annual forfeiture rate for purposes of recognizing stock-based compensation expense for these awards based on the Company's actual forfeiture history and expectations for this type of award.

The following assumptions were used to determine the grant date fair value of the equity component and the period-end fair value of the liability component of the TSR Performance Share Awards:

	Grant Date	
	February 21, 2024	September 30, 2024
Fair value per performance share award	\$ 19.38	\$0.60 - \$6.16
Assumptions:		
Stock price volatility	38.0 %	23.1% - 31.7%
Risk-free rate of return	4.39 %	3.60% - 4.55%

11. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share (“EPS”) is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is similarly calculated, except that the shares of common stock outstanding for the period is increased using the treasury stock and as-if converted methods to reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock awards were vested or exercised at the end of the applicable period. Anti-dilutive shares represent potentially dilutive securities that are excluded from the computation of diluted income or loss per share as their impact would be anti-dilutive.

The following is a calculation of basic and diluted net earnings per share under the two-class method:

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Income (Numerator)				
Net income	\$ 252	\$ 323	\$ 824	\$ 1,209
Less: dividends attributable to participating securities	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 251	\$ 322	\$ 822	\$ 1,205
Shares (Denominator)				
Weighted average shares - Basic	738	753	743	757
Dilution effect of stock awards at end of period	6	5	6	5
Weighted average shares - Diluted	744	758	749	762
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.59
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.58

The following is a calculation of weighted-average shares excluded from diluted EPS due to the anti-dilutive effect:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Weighted-average stock awards excluded from diluted EPS due to the anti-dilutive effect calculated using the treasury stock method	—	1	—	1

12. Restructuring Costs

Restructuring costs are primarily related to workforce reductions and associated severance benefits that were triggered by the merger with Cimarex Energy Co. that closed on October 1, 2021. The following table summarizes the Company's restructuring liabilities:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 47	\$ 77
Additions related to merger integration	—	10
Reductions related to severance payments	(27)	(28)
Balance at end of period	\$ 20	\$ 59

13. Additional Balance Sheet Information

Certain balance sheet amounts are comprised of the following:

(In millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Accounts receivable, net		
Trade accounts	\$ 565	\$ 723
Joint interest accounts	160	118
Other accounts	42	4
	767	845
Allowance for credit losses	(3)	(2)
	\$ 764	\$ 843
Other current assets		
Prepaid balances	\$ 21	\$ 11
Derivative instruments	41	85
Other accounts	8	1
	\$ 70	\$ 97
Other assets		
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 16	\$ 33
Debt issuance costs	11	8
Operating lease right-of-use assets	278	337
Derivative instruments	10	7
Other accounts	135	82
	\$ 450	\$ 467
Accounts payable		
Trade accounts	\$ 78	\$ 60
Royalty and other owners	327	386
Accrued gathering, processing and transportation	73	80
Accrued capital costs	184	165
Taxes other than income	26	33
Accrued lease operating costs	51	39
Other accounts	34	40
	\$ 773	\$ 803

(In millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Accrued liabilities		
Employee benefits	\$ 60	\$ 70
Taxes other than income	46	14
Restructuring liabilities	20	35
Operating lease liabilities	121	116
Financing lease liabilities	6	6
Other accounts	38	20
	<u>\$ 291</u>	<u>\$ 261</u>
Other liabilities		
Deferred compensation plan	\$ 16	\$ 33
Postretirement benefits	18	17
Derivative instruments	1	—
Operating lease liabilities	167	237
Financing lease liabilities	2	6
Restructuring liabilities	—	12
Other accounts	87	124
	<u>\$ 291</u>	<u>\$ 429</u>

14. Interest Expense

Interest expense is comprised of the following:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Interest Expense				
Interest expense	\$ 27	\$ 20	\$ 76	\$ 61
Debt premium and discount amortization, net	(5)	(4)	(16)	(15)
Debt issuance cost amortization	1	1	3	3
Other	1	—	14	1
	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 77</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>

ITEM 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following review of operations of Coterra Energy Inc. (“Coterra,” the “Company,” “our,” “we” and “us”) for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “Form 10-Q”) and with the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes and Management’s Discussion and Analysis included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 filed on February 23, 2024 (our “Form 10-K”). For the abbreviations and definitions of certain terms commonly used in the oil and gas industry, please see the “Glossary of Certain Oil and Gas Terms” included within our Form 10-K.

OVERVIEW

Financial and Operating Overview

Financial and operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023 reflect the following:

- Net income decreased \$71 million from \$323 million, or \$0.43 per share, in 2023 to \$252 million, or \$0.34 per share, in 2024.
- Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$3 million, from \$758 million in 2023 to \$755 million in 2024.
- Equivalent production remained flat at 61.6 MMBoe, or 669.1 MBoe per day, in 2024.
 - Oil production increased 1.8 MMBbl from 8.5 MMBbl, or 91.9 MBbl per day, in 2023 to 10.3 MMBbl, or 112.3 MBbl per day, in 2024.
 - Natural gas production decreased 20.4 Bcf from 267.1 Bcf, or 2,903.2 Mmcf per day, in 2023 to 246.7 Bcf, or 2,682.0 Mmcf per day, in 2024.
 - NGL volumes increased 1.4 MMBbl from 8.7 MMBbl, or 94.5 MBbl per day, in 2023 to 10.1 MMBbl, or 109.7 MBbl per day, in 2024.
- Average realized prices (including impact of derivatives):
 - Oil was \$74.18 per Bbl in 2024, eight percent lower than the \$80.74 per Bbl realized in 2023.
 - Natural gas was \$1.41 per Mcf in 2024, 30 percent lower than the \$2.01 per Mcf realized in 2023.
 - NGL price was \$18.42 per Bbl in 2024, six percent lower than the \$19.52 per Bbl realized in 2023.
- Total capital expenditures for drilling, completion and other fixed assets were \$418 million in 2024 compared to \$542 million in the corresponding period of the prior year.

Financial and operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023 reflect the following:

- Net income decreased \$385 million from \$1.2 billion, or \$1.59 per share, in 2023 to \$824 million, or \$1.11 per share, in 2024.
- Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$729 million, from \$2.9 billion in 2023 to \$2.2 billion in 2024.
- Equivalent production increased 5.6 MMBoe from 179.3 MMBoe, or 656.9 MBoe per day, in 2023 to 184.9 MMBoe, or 674.8 MBoe per day in 2024.
 - Oil production increased 3.9 MMBbl from 25.5 MMBbl, or 93.3 MBbl per day, in 2023 to 29.4 MMBbl, or 107.4 MBbl per day, in 2024.
 - Natural gas production decreased 10.4 Bcf from 779.5 Bcf, or 2,855.3 Mmcf per day, in 2023 to 769.1 Bcf, or 2,806.8 Mmcf per day, in 2024.
 - NGL volumes increased 3.4 MMBbl from 23.9 MMBbl, or 87.7 MBbl per day, in 2023 to 27.3 MMBbl, or 99.6 MBbl per day, in 2024.

- Average realized prices (including impact of derivatives):
 - Oil was \$76.17 per Bbl in 2024, one percent higher than the \$75.64 per Bbl realized in 2023.
 - Natural gas was \$1.65 per Mcf in 2024, 35 percent lower than the \$2.53 per Mcf realized in 2023.
 - NGL price was \$19.59 per Bbl in 2024, two percent lower than the \$19.90 per Bbl realized in 2023.
- Total capital expenditures for drilling, completion and other fixed assets were \$1.3 billion in 2024 compared to \$1.6 billion in the corresponding period of the prior year.

Other financial highlights for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 include the following:

- Issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.60% senior notes due March 15, 2034. We used the net proceeds, and cash on hand, to repay the \$575 million of 3.65% weighted-average private placement senior notes that matured in September 2024.
- Amended our revolving credit agreement to increase aggregate commitments from \$1.5 billion to \$2.0 billion and extend the maturity date from March 2028 to September 2029.
- Increased our quarterly base dividend from \$0.20 per share to \$0.21 per share in February 2024.
- Repurchased 15 million shares for \$404 million.

Market Conditions and Commodity Prices

Our financial results depend on many factors, particularly commodity prices and our ability to find, develop and market our production on economically attractive terms. Commodity prices are affected by many factors outside of our control, including changes in market supply and demand, which can be impacted by pipeline capacity constraints, inventory storage levels, basis differentials, weather conditions, and geopolitical, economic and other factors.

Oil prices have recovered in recent years from previous pandemic-related market weakness, particularly on the demand side. Global conflict and supply chain disruptions drove high oil prices in 2022, which then moderated throughout 2023. OPEC+ reacted with supply reductions, helping to stabilize oil price levels during 2023. U.S. oil production has been flat, which, when combined with OPEC+'s reductions, has contributed to relatively steadier oil prices in 2023 and 2024.

Natural gas prices have trended down year-over-year as strong production and relatively weak demand drove inventory levels above the five-year average. While natural gas prices have increased from their lows in early 2024, natural gas prices in 2024 have still trended lower overall compared to 2023. In response to the weakness of natural gas prices, we strategically curtailed our production in the Marcellus Shale during 2024, resulting in an estimated curtailment of 275 MMcf per day of gross production. Natural gas prices are expected to experience a slight increase throughout the remainder of 2024 and into early 2025 due to, among other factors, forecasted colder temperatures resulting in increased seasonal demand. Meanwhile, basis differentials have become more divergent in 2024, in part due to constrained pipeline capacity and oversupply in certain geographic areas, and at times have resulted in negative spot market pricing this year for natural gas, such as in the Permian Basin at the Waha Hub. Looking towards 2025, recent NYMEX strip pricing indicates the forecasted increase in natural gas prices overall is expected to continue, partially as a result of, among other factors, an expected increase in demand driven by LNG exports.

Although the current outlook on oil and natural gas prices is generally favorable and our operations have not been significantly impacted in the short-term, in the event further disruptions occur and continue for an extended period of time, our operations could be adversely impacted, commodity prices could decline, and our costs could increase. We expect commodity price volatility to continue, driven by further geopolitical disruptions, including conflicts in the Middle East and actions of OPEC+ and potentially swift near- and medium-term fluctuations in supply and demand. While we are unable to predict future commodity prices, at current oil, natural gas and NGL price levels, we do not believe that an impairment of our oil and gas properties is reasonably likely to occur in the near future. However, in the event that commodity prices significantly decline or costs significantly increase from current levels, our management would evaluate the recoverability of the carrying value of our oil and gas properties.

In addition, the issue of, and increasing political and social attention on, climate change has resulted in both existing and pending national, regional and local legislation and regulatory measures, such as mandates for renewable energy and emissions reductions. Changes in these laws or regulations may result in delays or restrictions in permitting and the development of projects, may result in increased costs and may impair our ability to move forward with our construction, completions, drilling,

water management, waste handling, storage, transport and remediation activities, any of which could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

For information about the impact of realized commodity prices on our revenues, refer to “Results of Operations” below.

Outlook

Our 2024 full year capital program is expected to be approximately \$1.75 billion to \$1.85 billion. We expect to fund these capital expenditures with our operating cash flow. We expect to turn-in-line 141 to 157 total net wells in 2024 across our three operating regions. Approximately 64 percent of our drilling and completion capital is expected to be invested in the Permian Basin, 18 percent in the Marcellus Shale and 18 percent in the Anadarko Basin.

In 2023, we drilled 264 gross wells (169.4 net) and turned-in-line 273 gross wells (173.0 net). For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, our capital program focused on the Permian Basin, Marcellus Shale and Anadarko Basin, where we drilled 120.9 net wells and turned in line 118.3 net wells. Our capital program for the remainder of 2024 will focus on execution of our 2024 plan presented in our annual guidance. In the normal course of our business, we will continue to assess the oil and natural gas price macro environments and may adjust our capital allocation accordingly.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We strive to maintain an adequate liquidity level to address commodity price volatility and risk. Our liquidity requirements consist primarily of our planned capital expenditures, payment of contractual obligations (including debt maturities and interest payments), working capital requirements, dividend payments and share repurchases. Although we have no obligation to do so, we may also from time-to-time refinance or retire our outstanding debt through privately negotiated transactions, open market repurchases, redemptions, exchanges, tender offers or otherwise.

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash on hand, net cash provided by operating activities and available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit agreement. Our liquidity requirements are generally funded with cash flows provided by operating activities, together with cash on hand. However, from time-to-time, our investments may be funded by bank borrowings (including draws on our revolving credit agreement), sales of assets, and private or public financing based on our monitoring of capital markets and our balance sheet. While there are no “rating triggers” in any of our debt agreements that would accelerate the scheduled maturities if our debt rating falls below a certain level, a change in our debt rating could adversely impact our interest rate on any borrowings under our revolving credit agreement and our ability to economically access debt markets and could trigger the requirement to post credit support under various agreements, which could reduce the borrowing capacity under our revolving credit agreement. As of the date hereof, our debt is currently rated as investment grade by the three leading ratings agencies. For more on the impact of credit ratings on our interest rates and fees for unused commitments under our revolving credit agreement, see Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Form 10-K, “Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreements.” We believe that, with operating cash flow, cash on hand and availability under our revolving credit agreement, we have the ability to finance our spending plans over the next 12 months and, based on current expectations, for the longer term.

Our working capital is substantially influenced by the variables discussed above and fluctuates based on the timing and amount of borrowings and repayments under our revolving credit agreement, borrowings and repayments of debt, the timing of cash collections and payments on our trade accounts receivable and payable, respectively, payment of dividends, repurchases of our securities and changes in the fair value of our commodity derivative activity. From time-to-time, our working capital will reflect a deficit, while at other times it will reflect a surplus. This fluctuation is not unusual. As of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we had a working capital surplus of \$655 million and \$355 million, respectively. We believe we have adequate liquidity and availability under our revolving credit agreement as outlined above to meet our working capital requirements over the next 12 months.

In September 2024, we entered into an amendment relating to our revolving credit agreement, which increased our aggregate commitments from \$1.5 billion to \$2.0 billion and extended the maturity date to September 2029, among other things.

As of September 30, 2024, we had no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit agreement, our unused commitments were \$2.0 billion, and we had unrestricted cash on hand of \$843 million.

In March 2024, we issued \$500 million of 5.60% senior notes, and used these net proceeds, along with cash on hand, to fund the repayment of the \$575 million of 3.65% weighted-average senior notes that matured in September 2024.

Our revolving credit agreement includes a covenant limiting our borrowing capacity based on our leverage ratio. As of September 30, 2024, we were in compliance with all financial covenants applicable to our revolving credit agreement and private placement senior notes. Refer to Note 3 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this report, “Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreements” and Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Form 10-K, “Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreements,” for further details.

Cash Flows

Our cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities were as follows:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 2,169	\$ 2,898
Cash flows used in investing activities	(1,327)	(1,589)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(959)	(1,136)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ (117)</u>	<u>\$ 173</u>

Operating Activities. Operating cash flow fluctuations are substantially driven by changes in commodity prices, production volumes and operating expenses. As stated above, commodity prices have historically been volatile. Fluctuations in cash flow may result in an increase or decrease in our capital expenditures.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 decreased by \$729 million compared to the same period in 2023. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in natural gas revenue, caused by lower natural gas prices and production, an increase in operating costs, a decrease in cash received on derivative settlements and a net reduction in working capital during 2024. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in oil revenues.

Refer to “Results of Operations” below for additional information relative to commodity prices, production and operating expense fluctuations. We are unable to predict future commodity prices and, as a result, cannot provide any assurance about future levels of net cash provided by operating activities.

Investing Activities. Cash flows used in investing activities decreased by \$262 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease was primarily due to \$294 million lower cash paid for capital expenditures, partially offset by \$32 million lower proceeds from asset sales.

Financing Activities. Cash flows used in financing activities decreased by \$177 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023. This decrease was due to the issuance of the \$500 million of 5.60% senior notes during the first quarter of 2024 and \$269 million of lower dividend payments. These decreases were partially offset by the repayment of \$575 million of 3.65% weighted-average senior notes at their maturity in September 2024 and \$16 million of increased common stock repurchases. The lower dividend payments were a result of a decrease in our dividend rate from \$0.97 per common share (base-plus-variable) for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 to \$0.63 per common share (base only) for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, and a decrease in outstanding shares of common stock due to our active share repurchase program during 2023 and the first nine months of 2024.

Capitalization

Information about our capitalization is as follows:

(Dollars in millions)	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Total debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,066	\$ 2,161
Stockholders’ equity	13,034	13,039
Total capitalization	<u>\$ 15,100</u>	<u>\$ 15,200</u>
Debt to total capitalization	14 %	14 %
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 843	\$ 956

(1) Included \$575 million of current portion of long-term debt as of December 31, 2023 that was repaid at maturity in September 2024. There were no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit agreement as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

Share repurchases. During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, we repurchased and retired 15 million shares of our common stock for \$404 million. We repurchased and retired 15 million shares of our common stock for \$388 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Dividends. In February 2024, our Board of Directors approved an increase in the base quarterly dividend from \$0.20 per share to \$0.21 per share.

The following table summarizes our dividends on our common stock:

	Rate Per Share			Total Dividends (In millions)
	Base	Variable	Total	
2024				
First quarter	\$ 0.21	\$ —	\$ 0.21	\$ 160
Second quarter	0.21	—	0.21	158
Third quarter	0.21	—	0.21	156
	<u>\$ 0.63</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 0.63</u>	<u>\$ 474</u>
2023				
First quarter	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.57	\$ 438
Second quarter	0.20	—	0.20	153
Third quarter	0.20	—	0.20	153
	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 744</u>

Capital and Exploration Expenditures

On an annual basis, we generally fund most of our capital expenditures, excluding any significant property acquisitions, with cash flow provided by operating activities, and, if required, borrowings under our revolving credit agreement. We budget these expenditures based on our projected cash flows for the year.

The following table presents major components of our capital and exploration expenditures:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
Capital expenditures:		
Drilling and facilities	\$ 1,261	\$ 1,537
Pipeline and gathering	73	84
Other	11	26
Capital expenditures for drilling, completion and other fixed asset additions	<u>1,345</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Capital expenditures for leasehold and property acquisitions	6	8
Exploration expenditures ⁽¹⁾	19	14
	<u>\$ 1,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,669</u>

(1) Exploration expenditures include \$5 million of exploratory dry hole costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2024. There were no exploratory dry hole costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, our capital program focused on the Permian Basin, Marcellus Shale and Anadarko Basin, where we drilled 120.9 net wells and turned-in-line 118.3 net wells. We continue to expect that our full-year 2024 capital program will be approximately \$1.75 billion to \$1.85 billion. Refer to “Outlook” above for additional information regarding the current year drilling program. We will continue to assess the commodity price environment and may adjust our capital expenditures accordingly.

Contractual Obligations

We have various contractual obligations in the normal course of our operations. There have been no material changes to our contractual obligations described under “Gathering, Processing and Transportation Agreements” and “Lease Commitments” as disclosed in Note 8 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and the obligations described under “Contractual

Obligations” in Item 7 “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in our Form 10-K.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Refer to our Form 10-K for further discussion of our critical accounting policies.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Third Quarters of 2024 and 2023 Compared

Operating Revenues

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent
Operating Revenues				
Oil	\$ 765	\$ 684	\$ 81	12 %
Natural gas	320	481	(161)	(33)%
NGL	186	170	16	9 %
Gain on derivative instruments	64	3	61	2,033 %
Other	24	18	6	33 %
	<u>\$ 1,359</u>	<u>\$ 1,356</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>— %</u>

Production Revenues

Our production revenues are derived from sales of our oil, natural gas and NGL production. Increases or decreases in our revenues, profitability and future production growth are highly dependent on the commodity prices we receive, which, as discussed above, fluctuate.

Production and Sales Price

The following table presents our total and average daily production volumes for oil, natural gas and NGLs, and our average oil, natural gas and NGL sales prices for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent
Production Volumes				
Oil (MMBbl)	10.3	8.5	1.8	21 %
Natural gas (Bcf)	246.7	267.1	(20.4)	(8)%
NGL (MMBbl)	10.1	8.7	1.4	16 %
Average Daily Production Volumes				
Oil (MBbl)	112.3	91.9	20.4	22 %
Natural gas (MMcf)	2,682.0	2,903.2	(221.2)	(8)%
NGL (MBbl)	109.7	94.5	15.2	16 %
Average Sales Price				
<i>Excluding Derivative Settlements</i>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 74.04	\$ 80.80	\$ (6.76)	(8)%
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.80	\$ (0.50)	(28)%
NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$ 18.42	\$ 19.52	\$ (1.10)	(6)%
<i>Including Derivative Settlements</i>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 74.18	\$ 80.74	\$ (6.56)	(8)%
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.41	\$ 2.01	\$ (0.60)	(30)%
NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$ 18.42	\$ 19.52	\$ (1.10)	(6)%

Oil Revenues

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (MMBbl)	10.3	8.5	1.8	21 %	\$ 151
Price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 74.04	\$ 80.80	\$ (6.76)	(8)%	(70)
					<u>\$ 81</u>

Oil revenues increased \$81 million due to higher production in the Permian Basin and Anadarko Basin, partially offset by lower oil prices.

Natural Gas Revenues

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (Bcf)	246.7	267.1	(20.4)	(8)%	\$ (37)
Price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.80	\$ (0.50)	(28)%	(124)
					<u>\$ (161)</u>

Natural gas revenues decreased \$161 million primarily due to significantly lower natural gas prices and lower production. The decrease in production was related to lower production in the Marcellus Shale, where we strategically curtailed production due to weaker natural gas prices. This decrease was partially offset by higher production in the Permian and Anadarko Basins.

NGL Revenues

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (MMBbl)	10.1	8.7	1.4	16 %	\$ 27
Price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 18.42	\$ 19.52	\$ (1.10)	(6)%	(11)
					<u>\$ 16</u>

NGL revenues increased \$16 million primarily due to higher NGL volumes in the Permian Basin, partially offset by lower prices.

Gain on Derivative Instruments

Net gains and losses on our derivative instruments are a function of fluctuations in the underlying commodity index prices as compared to the contracted prices and the monthly cash settlements (if any) of the derivative instruments. We have elected not to designate our derivatives as hedging instruments for accounting purposes and, therefore, we do not apply hedge accounting treatment to our derivative instruments. Consequently, changes in the fair value of our derivative instruments and cash settlements are included as a component of operating revenues as either a net gain or loss on derivative instruments. Cash settlements of our contracts are included in cash flows from operating activities in our statement of cash flows.

The following table presents the components of “Gain on derivative instruments” for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
<i>Cash received on settlement of derivative instruments</i>		
Gas contracts	\$ 27	\$ 55
Oil contracts	1	—
<i>Non-cash gain (loss) on derivative instruments</i>		
Gas contracts	(12)	(40)
Oil contracts	48	(12)
	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

Operating Costs and Expenses

Costs associated with producing oil and natural gas are substantial. Among other factors, some of these costs vary with commodity prices, some trend with the volume and commodity mix, some are a function of the number of wells we own and operate, some depend on the prices charged by service companies, and some fluctuate based on a combination of the foregoing. Our costs for services, labor and supplies had begun to stabilize at the end of 2023 despite the on-going demand for those items and the latent effects of inflation and supply chain disruptions, and thus far in 2024 these costs have remained stable.

The following table reflects our operating costs and expenses for the periods indicated and a discussion of the operating costs and expenses follows.

(In millions, except per BOE)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Per BOE	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	2024	2023
Operating Expenses						
Direct operations	\$ 165	\$ 137	\$ 28	20 %	\$ 2.69	\$ 2.22
Gathering, processing and transportation	245	235	10	4 %	3.97	3.81
Taxes other than income	66	62	4	6 %	1.08	1.00
Exploration	9	5	4	80 %	0.15	0.08
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	475	421	54	13 %	7.73	6.82
General and administrative	75	79	(4)	(5)%	1.24	1.29
	<u>\$ 1,035</u>	<u>\$ 939</u>	<u>\$ 96</u>	<u>10 %</u>		

Direct Operations

Direct operations generally consist of costs for labor, equipment, maintenance, saltwater disposal, compression, power, treating and miscellaneous other costs (collectively, “lease operating expense”). Direct operations also include well workover activity necessary to maintain production from existing wells.

Direct operations expense consisted of lease operating expense and workover expense as follows:

(In millions, except per BOE)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance	Per BOE	
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Direct Operations Expense					
Lease operating expense	\$ 138	\$ 115	\$ 23	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.86
Workover expense	27	22	5	0.44	0.36
	<u>\$ 165</u>	<u>\$ 137</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 2.69</u>	<u>\$ 2.22</u>

Lease operating expense increased primarily due to higher operating costs driven by our production mix related to increased production in fields with higher operating costs and higher equipment and field service costs.

Gathering, Processing and Transportation

Gathering, processing and transportation costs principally consist of expenditures to prepare and transport production downstream from the wellhead, including gathering, fuel, and compression, along with processing costs, which are incurred to extract NGLs from the raw natural gas stream. Gathering costs also include costs associated with operating our gas gathering infrastructure, including operating and maintenance expenses. Costs vary by operating area and will fluctuate with increases or decreases in production volumes, contractual fees, and changes in fuel and compression costs.

Gathering, processing and transportation costs increased \$10 million primarily due to higher gathering and transportation costs in the Permian Basin related to higher transportation rates and higher production, partially offset by lower gathering charges in the Marcellus Shale related to lower production.

Taxes Other Than Income

Taxes other than income consist of production (or severance) taxes, drilling impact fees, ad valorem taxes and other taxes. State and local taxing authorities assess these taxes, with production taxes being based on the volume or value of production, drilling impact fees being based on drilling activities and prevailing natural gas prices and ad valorem taxes being based on the value of properties.

The following table presents taxes other than income for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Taxes Other than Income			
Production	\$ 53	\$ 45	\$ 8
Drilling impact fees	4	5	(1)
Ad valorem	9	11	(2)
Other	—	1	(1)
	<u>\$ 66</u>	<u>\$ 62</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>
Production taxes as percentage of revenue (Permian and Anadarko Basins)	5.5 %	4.7 %	

Taxes other than income increased primarily due to an increase in our production taxes primarily due to higher oil and NGL revenues in 2024 compared to 2023.

Exploration

Exploration expense increased primarily due to \$5 million of exploratory dry hole costs recognized during the three months ended September 30, 2024.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization (“DD&A”)

DD&A expense consisted of the following for the periods indicated:

(In millions, except per BOE)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Per BOE	
	2024	2023	Variance	2024	2023
DD&A Expense					
Depletion	\$ 443	\$ 387	\$ 56	\$ 7.19	\$ 6.27
Depreciation	18	19	(1)	0.32	0.31
Amortization of unproved properties	12	12	—	0.19	0.19
Accretion of ARO	2	3	(1)	0.03	0.05
	<u>\$ 475</u>	<u>\$ 421</u>	<u>\$ 54</u>	<u>\$ 7.73</u>	<u>\$ 6.82</u>

Depletion of our producing properties is computed on a field basis using the units-of-production method under the successful efforts method of accounting. The economic life of each producing property depends upon the estimated proved reserves for that property, which in turn depend upon the assumed realized sales price for future production. Therefore, fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices will impact the level of proved developed and proved reserves used in the calculation. Higher prices generally have the effect of increasing reserves, which reduces depletion expense. Conversely, lower prices generally have the effect of decreasing reserves, which increases depletion expense. The cost of replacing production also impacts our depletion expense. In addition, changes in estimates of reserve quantities, estimates of operating and future development costs, reclassifications of properties from unproved to proved and impairments of oil and gas properties will also impact depletion expense. Our depletion expense increased \$56 million primarily due to a higher depletion rate which was driven by lower oil and gas reserve volumes and a shift in our production mix which resulted in increased production from fields with higher depletion rates. The lower oil and gas reserve volumes were driven by negative price revisions as a result of lower prices in 2023.

Fixed assets consist primarily of gas gathering facilities, water infrastructure, buildings, vehicles, aircraft, furniture and fixtures and computer equipment and software. These items are recorded at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line method

based on expected lives of the individual assets, which range from three to 30 years. Also included in our depreciation expense is the depreciation of the right-of-use asset associated with our finance lease gathering system.

Unproved properties are amortized based on our drilling experience and our expectation of converting our unproved leaseholds to proved properties. The rate of amortization depends on the timing and success of our exploration and development program. If development of unproved properties is deemed unsuccessful and the properties are abandoned or surrendered, the capitalized costs are expensed in the period the determination is made.

General and Administrative (“G&A”)

G&A expense consists primarily of salaries and related benefits, stock-based compensation, office rent, legal and consulting fees, systems costs and other administrative costs incurred.

The table below reflects our G&A expense for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
G&A Expense			
General and administrative expense	\$ 61	\$ 59	\$ 2
Stock-based compensation expense	14	21	(7)
Merger-related expense	—	(1)	1
	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ 79</u>	<u>\$ (4)</u>

Stock-based compensation expense will fluctuate based on the grant date fair value of awards, the number of awards, the requisite service period of the awards, estimated employee forfeitures, and the timing of the awards. Stock-based compensation expense decreased \$7 million primarily due to a decrease in the valuation of performance share awards in 2024 compared to 2023.

Interest Expense

The table below reflects our interest expense for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Interest Expense			
Interest expense	\$ 27	\$ 20	\$ 7
Debt premium and discount amortization, net	(5)	(4)	(1)
Debt issuance cost amortization	1	1	—
Other	1	—	1
	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>

Interest expense increased primarily due to higher debt balances during the third quarter of 2024 compared to 2023.

Interest Income

Interest income increased \$6 million due to higher interest earned on our higher cash and short-term investment balances.

Income Tax Expense

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Income Tax Expense			
Current tax expense	\$ 104	\$ 102	\$ 2
Deferred tax benefit	(37)	(8)	(29)
	<u>\$ 67</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ (27)</u>
Combined federal and state effective income tax rate	21.0 %	22.5 %	

Income tax expense decreased \$27 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2023, primarily due to lower pre-tax income and a lower effective tax rate.

First Nine Months of 2024 and 2023 Compared
Operating Revenues

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent
Oil	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,925	\$ 315	16 %
Natural gas	1,177	1,739	(562)	(32)%
NGL	535	476	59	12 %
Gain on derivative instruments	48	129	(81)	63 %
Other	63	49	14	29 %
	<u>\$ 4,063</u>	<u>\$ 4,318</u>	<u>\$ (255)</u>	<u>(6)%</u>

Production Revenues

Production and Sales Price

The following table presents our total and average daily production volumes for oil, natural gas and NGLs, and our average oil, natural gas and NGL sales prices for the periods indicated.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent
Production Volumes				
Oil (MMBbl)	29.4	25.5	3.9	15 %
Natural gas (Bcf)	769.1	779.5	(10.4)	(1)%
NGL (MMBbl)	27.3	23.9	3.4	14 %
Average Daily Production Volumes				
Oil (MBbl)	107.4	93.3	14.1	15 %
Natural gas (MMcf)	2,806.8	2,855.3	(48.5)	(2)%
NGL (MBbl)	99.6	87.7	11.9	14 %
Average Sales Price				
<i>Excluding Derivative Settlements</i>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 76.16	\$ 75.54	\$ 0.62	1 %
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.23	\$ (0.70)	(31)%
NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$ 19.59	\$ 19.90	\$ (0.31)	(2)%
<i>Including Derivative Settlements</i>				
Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$ 76.17	\$ 75.64	\$ 0.53	1 %
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.65	\$ 2.53	\$ (0.88)	(35)%
NGL (\$/Bbl)	\$ 19.59	\$ 19.90	\$ (0.31)	(2)%

Oil Revenues

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (MMBbl)	29.4	25.5	3.9	15 %	\$ 297
Price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 76.16	\$ 75.54	\$ 0.62	1 %	18
					<u>\$ 315</u>

Oil revenues increased \$315 million primarily due to higher production in the Permian Basin.

Natural Gas Revenues

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (Bcf)	769.1	779.5	\$ (10.4)	(1)%	\$ (24)
Price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 1.53	\$ 2.23	\$ (0.70)	(31)%	(538)
					<u>\$ (562)</u>

Natural gas revenues decreased \$562 million primarily due to significantly lower natural gas prices and lower production driven by the strategic curtailments of production in the Marcellus Shale during the third quarter due to weaker natural gas prices.

NGL Revenues

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Increase (Decrease) (In millions)
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	
Volume (MMBbl)	27.3	23.9	3.4	14 %	\$ 67
Price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 19.59	\$ 19.90	\$ (0.31)	(2)%	(8)
					<u>\$ 59</u>

NGL revenues increased \$59 million primarily due to higher NGL volumes, particularly in the Permian Basin partially offset by lower NGL prices.

Gain on Derivative Instruments

The following table presents the components of “Gain on derivative instruments” for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2024	2023
<i>Cash received on settlement of derivative instruments</i>		
Gas contracts	\$ 90	\$ 235
Oil contracts	—	3
<i>Non-cash gain (loss) on derivative instruments</i>		
Gas contracts	(56)	(93)
Oil contracts	14	(16)
	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>

Operating Costs and Expenses

The following table reflects our operating costs and expenses for the periods indicated and a discussion of the operating costs and expenses follows:

(In millions, except per Boe)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance		Per BOE	
	2024	2023	Amount	Percent	2024	2023
Operating Expenses						
Direct operations	\$ 481	\$ 401	\$ 80	20 %	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.24
Gathering, processing and transportation	737	729	8	1 %	3.98	4.07
Taxes other than income	194	211	(17)	(8)%	1.05	1.18
Exploration	19	14	5	36 %	0.10	0.08
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,354	1,185	169	14 %	7.32	6.61
General and administrative	218	213	5	2 %	1.19	1.19
	<u>\$ 3,003</u>	<u>\$ 2,753</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>	<u>9 %</u>		

Direct Operations

Direct operations expense consisted of lease operating expense and workover expense as follows:

(In millions, except per Boe)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance	Per Boe	
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Direct Operations					
Lease operating expense	\$ 402	\$ 323	\$ 79	\$ 2.17	\$ 1.80
Workover expense	79	78	1	0.43	0.44
	<u>\$ 481</u>	<u>\$ 401</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 2.60</u>	<u>\$ 2.24</u>

Lease operating expense increased primarily due to higher production levels and higher operating costs driven by our production mix related to increased production in fields with higher operating costs and higher equipment and field service costs.

Gathering, Processing and Transportation

Gathering, processing and transportation costs increased \$8 million due to higher production in the Permian and Anadarko Basins, partially offset lower production in the Marcellus Shale and lower transportation rates in the Permian and Anadarko Basins.

Taxes Other Than Income

The following table presents taxes other than income for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Taxes Other than Income			
Production	\$ 159	\$ 148	\$ 11
Drilling impact fees	11	18	(7)
Ad valorem	25	43	(18)
Other	(1)	2	(3)
	<u>\$ 194</u>	<u>\$ 211</u>	<u>\$ (17)</u>
Production taxes as percentage of revenue (Permian and Anadarko Basins)	5.6 %	5.5 %	

Taxes other than income decreased \$17 million primarily due to lower ad valorem taxes, which was primarily driven by a combination of lower expected property valuations in 2024 resulting in a lower tax obligation and a reduction of prior period accruals due to a change in estimated taxes due for the full-year 2023. Additionally, drilling impact fees decreased primarily due to a decrease in activity in the Marcellus Shale and lower natural gas prices. These decreases were partially offset by a slight increase in our production taxes, which increased primarily due to higher oil and NGL production compared to 2023.

Exploration

Exploration expense increased primarily due to \$5 million of exploratory dry hole costs recognized in the third quarter of 2024.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization ("DD&A")

DD&A expense consisted of the following for the periods indicated:

(In millions, except per Boe)	Nine Months Ended September 30,			Per BOE	
	2024	2023	Variance	2024	2023
DD&A Expense					
Depletion	\$ 1,256	\$ 1,086	\$ 170	\$ 6.79	\$ 6.06
Depreciation	54	55	(1)	0.30	0.31
Amortization of unproved properties	36	36	—	0.19	0.20
Accretion of ARO	8	8	—	0.04	0.04
	<u>\$ 1,354</u>	<u>\$ 1,185</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>	<u>\$ 7.32</u>	<u>\$ 6.61</u>

Our depletion expense increased \$170 million primarily due to an increase in our depletion rate and an increase in production. Our depletion rate increased due to lower oil and gas reserve volumes and a shift in our production mix which resulted in increased production from fields with higher depletion rates. The lower oil and gas reserve volumes were driven by negative price revisions as a result of lower prices in 2023.

General and Administrative (“G&A”)

The table below reflects our G&A expense for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
G&A Expense			
General and administrative expense	\$ 175	\$ 159	\$ 16
Stock-based compensation expense	43	44	(1)
Merger-related expense	—	10	(10)
	<u>\$ 218</u>	<u>\$ 213</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>

G&A expense, excluding stock-based compensation and merger-related expenses, increased \$16 million primarily due to the recognition of certain long-term commitments for community outreach and charitable contributions in 2024 and higher employee related costs in 2024 compared to 2023.

Stock-based compensation expense decreased \$1 million primarily due to the impact of the liquidation of our common stock from our deferred compensation plan that resulted in a \$7 million gain that decreased stock-based compensation expense in the first half of 2023, partially offset by awards that vested in 2023 and a decrease in the valuation of performance share awards in 2024 compared to 2023.

Merger-related expense decreased \$10 million as the employee-related severance and termination benefits associated with the 2021 merger was accrued over the transition period during 2022 and 2023.

Interest Expense

The table below reflects our interest expense for the periods indicated:

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Interest Expense			
Interest expense	\$ 76	\$ 61	\$ 15
Debt premium and discount amortization, net	(16)	(15)	(1)
Debt issuance cost amortization	3	3	—
Other	14	1	13
	<u>\$ 77</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 27</u>

Interest expense increased \$27 million primarily due to an increase of \$15 million related to interest on debt balances, primarily due to the issuance of 5.60% senior notes in early March 2024 and an increase in other interest expense of \$13 million related to assessments arising due to the timing of certain regulatory filings.

Interest Income

Interest income increased \$19 million due to higher interest earned on our higher cash and short-term investment balances.

Income Tax Expense

(In millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Variance
	2024	2023	
Income Tax Expense			
Current tax expense	\$ 273	\$ 331	\$ (58)
Deferred tax (benefit) expense	(60)	19	(79)
	<u>\$ 213</u>	<u>\$ 350</u>	<u>\$ (137)</u>
Combined federal and state effective income tax rate	20.5 %	22.4 %	

Income tax expense decreased \$137 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023 primarily due to lower pre-tax income and a lower effective tax rate.

Forward-Looking Information

This report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this report are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future financial and operating performance and results, strategic pursuits and goals, market prices, future hedging and risk management activities, timing and amount of capital expenditures and other statements that are not historical facts contained in this report. The words “expect,” “project,” “estimate,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “budget,” “plan,” “forecast,” “target,” “predict,” “potential,” “possible,” “may,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “will,” “strategy,” “outlook” and similar expressions are also intended to identify forward-looking statements. We can provide no assurance that the forward-looking statements contained in this report will occur as expected, and actual results may differ materially from those included in this report. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those included in this report. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, the availability of cash on hand and other sources of liquidity to fund our capital expenditures, actions by, or disputes among or between, members of OPEC+, market factors, market prices (including geographic basis differentials) of oil and natural gas, impacts of inflation, labor shortages and economic disruption, geopolitical disruptions such as the war in Ukraine or the conflict in the Middle East or further escalation thereof, results of future drilling and marketing activities, future production and costs, legislative and regulatory initiatives, electronic, cyber or physical security breaches, the impact of public health crises, including pandemics and epidemics and any related company or governmental policies or actions, and other factors detailed herein and in our other SEC filings. Refer to “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of Part I of our Form 10-K for additional information about these risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management at the time the statements are made. Except to the extent required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof.

Investors should note that we announce material financial information in SEC filings, press releases and public conference calls. Based on guidance from the SEC, we may use the Investors section of our website (www.coterra.com) to communicate with investors. It is possible that the financial and other information posted there could be deemed to be material information. The information on our website is not part of, and is not incorporated into, this report.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

In the normal course of business, we are subject to a variety of risks, including market risks associated with changes in commodity prices and interest rate movements on outstanding debt. Except as otherwise indicated, the following quantitative and qualitative information is provided about financial instruments to which we were party as of September 30, 2024 and from which we may incur future gains or losses from changes in commodity prices or interest rates.

Commodity Price Risk

Our most significant market risk exposure is pricing applicable to our oil, natural gas and NGL production. Realized prices are mainly driven by the worldwide price for oil and spot market prices for North American natural gas and NGL production. As noted above, these prices have been volatile and unpredictable. To mitigate the volatility in commodity prices, we may enter into derivative instruments to hedge a portion of our production.

Derivative Instruments and Risk Management Activities

Our commodity price risk management strategy is designed to reduce the risk of commodity price volatility for our production in the oil and natural gas markets through the use of financial commodity derivatives. A committee that consists of members of senior management oversees these risk management activities. Our financial commodity derivatives generally cover a portion of our production and, while protecting us in the event of price declines, limit the benefit to us in the event of price increases. Further, if any of our counterparties defaulted, this protection might be limited as we might not receive the full benefit of our financial commodity derivatives. Please read the discussion below as well as Note 4 in this Form 10-Q and Note 5 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Form 10-K for a more detailed discussion of our derivatives.

Periodically, we enter into financial commodity derivatives, including collar, swap and basis swap agreements, to protect against exposure to commodity price declines. All of our financial derivatives are used for risk management purposes and are not held for trading purposes. Under the collar agreements, if the index price rises above the ceiling price, we pay the counterparty. If the index price falls below the floor price, the counterparty pays us. Under the swap agreements, we receive a fixed price on a notional quantity of natural gas in exchange for paying a variable price based on a market-based index.

As of September 30, 2024, we had the following outstanding financial commodity derivatives:

Oil	2024		2025			Fair Value Asset (Liability) (in millions)
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	
WTI oil collars						\$ 36
Volume (MBbl)	3,680	3,330	3,367	2,024	2,024	
Weighted average floor (\$/Bbl)	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.89	\$ 61.89	\$ 62.05	\$ 62.05	
Weighted average ceiling (\$/Bbl)	\$ 86.20	\$ 81.40	\$ 81.40	\$ 81.15	\$ 81.15	
WTI Midland oil basis swaps						3
Volume (MBbl)	4,600	3,150	3,185	1,840	1,840	
Weighted average differential (\$/Bbl)	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11	
						<u>\$ 39</u>

Natural Gas	2024		2025			2026	Fair Value Asset (Liability) (in millions)
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	
NYMEX collars							\$ 11
Volume (MMBtu)	34,990,000	36,000,000	36,400,000	36,800,000	36,800,000	27,000,000	
Weighted average floor (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.75	
Weighted average ceiling (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 4.46	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.15	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.66	
							<u>\$ 11</u>

In October 2024, we entered into the following financial commodity derivatives:

Oil	2024		2025			
	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter
WTI oil collars						
Volume (MBbl)	305	810	819	1,288	1,288	
Weighted average floor (\$/Bbl)	\$ 60.00	\$ 57.78	\$ 57.78	\$ 58.57	\$ 58.57	
Weighted average ceiling (\$/Bbl)	\$ 92.57	\$ 80.18	\$ 80.18	\$ 80.09	\$ 80.09	
WTI Midland oil basis swaps						
Volume (MBbl)	—	540	546	1,012	1,012	
Weighted average differential (\$/Bbl)	\$ —	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.02	

A significant portion of our expected oil and natural gas production for the remainder of 2024 and beyond is currently unhedged and directly exposed to the volatility in oil and natural gas prices, whether favorable or unfavorable.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, oil collars with floor prices ranging from \$65.00 to \$70.00 per Bbl and ceiling prices ranging from \$80.55 to \$92.40 per Bbl covered 9.6 MMBbls, or 33 percent, of our oil production at a weighted-average price of \$66.71 per Bbl. Oil basis swaps covered 10.9 MMBbls, or 37 percent, of our oil production at a weighted-average price of \$1.14 per Bbl.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, natural gas collars with floor prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per MMBtu and ceiling prices ranging from \$2.85 to \$5.67 per MMBtu covered 122.5 Mcf, or 16 percent of our natural gas production at a weighted-average price of \$2.80 per MMBtu.

We are exposed to market risk on financial commodity derivative instruments to the extent of changes in market prices of the related commodity. However, the market risk exposure on these derivative contracts is generally offset by the gain on or loss recognized upon the ultimate sale of the commodity. Although notional contract amounts are used to express the volume of oil and natural gas agreements, the amounts that can be subject to credit risk in the event of non-performance by third parties are substantially smaller. Our counterparties are primarily commercial banks and financial service institutions that our management believes present minimal credit risk, and our derivative contracts are with multiple counterparties to minimize our exposure to any individual counterparty. We perform both quantitative and qualitative assessments of these counterparties based on their credit ratings and credit default swap rates where applicable. We have not incurred any losses related to non-performance risk of our counterparties, and we do not anticipate any material impact on our financial results due to non-performance by third parties. However, we cannot be certain that we will not experience such losses in the future.

Interest Rate Risk

As of September 30, 2024, we had total debt of \$2,066 million (with a principal amount of \$2,000 million). All of our outstanding debt is based on fixed interest rates and, as a result, we do not have significant exposure to movements in market interest rates with respect to such debt. Our revolving credit agreement provides for variable interest rate borrowings; however, we did not have any borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2024 and, therefore, we have no related exposure to interest rate risk.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

The estimated fair value of other financial instruments is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged currently between willing parties. The carrying amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet for cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of our senior notes is based on quoted market prices. The fair value of our private placement senior notes is based on third-party quotes which are derived from credit spreads for the difference between the issue rate and the period end market rate and other unobservable inputs.

The carrying amount and estimated fair value of debt are as follows:

(In millions)	September 30, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Total debt	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,989	\$ 2,161	\$ 2,015
Current maturities	—	—	(575)	(565)
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,586	\$ 1,450

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2024, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance with respect to the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, of information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the third quarter of 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings*****Legal Matters***

The information set forth under the heading “Legal Matters” in Note 7 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q is incorporated by reference in response to this item.

Governmental Proceedings

From time-to-time, we receive notices of violation from governmental and regulatory authorities, including notices relating to alleged violations of environmental statutes or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. While we cannot predict with certainty whether these notices of violation will result in fines, penalties or both, if fines or penalties are imposed, they may result in monetary sanctions, individually or in the aggregate, in excess of \$300,000.

In June 2023, we received a Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Confer (“NOVOC”) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) alleging violations of the Clean Air Act, the Texas State Implementation Plan, the New Mexico State Implementation Plan (“NMSIP”) and certain other state and federal regulations pertaining to Company facilities in Texas and New Mexico. Separately, in July 2023, we received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice that the EPA has referred this NOVOC for civil enforcement proceedings. In August 2023, we received a second NOVOC from the EPA alleging violations of the Clean Air Act, the NMSIP, and certain other state and federal regulations pertaining to Company facilities in New Mexico. We have exchanged information with the EPA and continue to engage in discussions aimed at resolving the allegations. At this time we are unable to predict with certainty the financial impact of these NOVOCs or the timing of any resolution. However, any enforcement action related to these NOVOCs will likely result in fines or penalties, or both, and corrective actions, which may increase our development costs or operating costs. We believe that any fines, penalties, or corrective actions that may result from these matters will not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

For additional information about the risk factors that affect us, see Item 1A of Part I of our Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

Share repurchase activity during the quarter ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (In thousands)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (In thousands) ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (In millions)
July 2024	2,073	\$ 26.53	2,073	\$ 1,235
August 2024	1,597	\$ 24.11	1,597	\$ 1,196
September 2024	605	\$ 23.15	605	\$ 1,183
Total	4,275		4,275	

(1) All purchases during the covered periods were made under the share repurchase program, which was approved by our Board of Directors in February 2023 and which authorized the repurchase of up to \$2.0 billion of our common stock. The share repurchase program does not have an expiration date. Purchases were made under terms intended to qualify for exemption under Rules 10b-18 and 10b5-1.

ITEM 5. Other Information

Trading Plan Arrangements

During the three months ended September 30, 2024, no director or officer of the Company adopted or terminated a “Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement” or “non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement,” as each term is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

Index to Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Coterra Energy Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Coterra's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 2, 2024).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Coterra Energy Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Coterra's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2023).
4.1	Certificate of Designations to 8 1/8% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock of Cimarex Energy Co. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of Coterra's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2022).
4.2	Amendment to Certificate of Designations to 8 1/8% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock of Cimarex Energy Co. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of Coterra's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2022).
4.3	Amendment to Certificate of Designations to 8 1/8% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock of Cimarex Energy Co. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of Coterra's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2022).
10.1	First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2024, among Coterra Energy Inc., as Borrower, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the Lenders and Issuing Banks party thereto (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of Coterra's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 12, 2024).
31.1	302 Certification — Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	302 Certification — Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
32.1	906 Certification.
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document. The instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

SIGNATURES

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

COTERRA ENERGY INC.
(Registrant)

November 1, 2024 By:	<u>/s/ THOMAS E. JORDEN</u> Thomas E. Jorden Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)
November 1, 2024 By:	<u>/s/ SHANNON E. YOUNG III</u> Shannon E. Young III Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
November 1, 2024 By:	<u>/s/ TODD M. ROEMER</u> Todd M. Roemer Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

I, Thomas E. Jorden, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Coterra Energy Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 1, 2024

/s/ THOMAS E. JORDEN

Thomas E. Jorden

Chief Executive Officer and President

I, Shannon E. Young III, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Coterra Energy Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 1, 2024

/s/ SHANNON E. YOUNG III

Shannon E. Young III

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Certification Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
(Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code)**

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) (the “Act”), each of the undersigned, Thomas E. Jorden, Chief Executive Officer of Coterra Energy Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Shannon E. Young III, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify that, to his knowledge:

- (1) the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2024 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 1, 2024

/s/ THOMAS E. JORDEN

Thomas E. Jorden
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ SHANNON E. YOUNG III

Shannon E. Young III
Chief Financial Officer