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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Form 10-O

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2012

OR

" TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

for the transition period from ______ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-51719

LINN ENERGY, LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 65-1177591
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
600 Travis, Suite 5100

Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(281) 840-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405)

during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes x No "

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company "

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

As of March 31, 2012, there were 199,330,596 units outstanding.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

As commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry and as used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bbl. One stock tank barrel or 42 United States gallons liquid volume.

Bcf. One billion cubic feet.

Bcfe. One billion cubic feet equivalent, determined using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

Btu. One British thermal unit, which is the heat required to raise the temperature of a one-pound mass of water from 58.5 degrees to 59.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

MBbls. One thousand barrels of oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MBbls/d. MBbls per day.

Mcf. One thousand cubic feet.

Mcfe. One thousand cubic feet equivalent, determined using the ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

MMBbls. One million barrels of oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

MMBoe. One million barrels of oil equivalent, determined using a ratio of one Bbl of oil, condensate or natural gas liquids to six Mcf.

MMBtu. One million British thermal units.

MMcf. One million cubic feet.

MMcf/d. MMcf per day.

MMcfe. One million cubic feet equivalent, determined using a ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one Bbl of oil, condensate or natural gas liquids.

MMcfe/d. MMcfe per day.

MMMBtu. One billion British thermal units.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

LINN ENERGY, LLC CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	2012	2011		
		2011		
	(Unaudited)	1		
	(in thousands,			
ACCEPTO	except unit amounts)			
ASSETS				
Current assets:	Φ04 104	Φ1114		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$24,184	\$1,114		
Accounts receivable – trade, net	290,528	284,565		
Derivative instruments	343,764	255,063		
Other current assets	83,799	80,734		
Total current assets	742,275	621,476		
Noncurrent assets:				
Oil and natural gas properties (successful efforts method)	9,128,856	7,835,650		
Less accumulated depletion and amortization	(1,145,113)			
	7,983,743	6,802,033		
Other property and equipment	413,308	197,235		
Less accumulated depreciation	(52,228)	(48,024)		
•	361,080	149,211		
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Derivative instruments	357,836	321,840		
Other noncurrent assets	132,158	105,577		
	489,994	427,417		
Total noncurrent assets	8,834,817	7,378,661		
Total assets	\$9,577,092	\$8,000,137		
LIABILITIES AND UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$403,756	\$403,450		
Derivative instruments	16,991	14,060		
Other accrued liabilities	95,704	75,898		
Total current liabilities	516,451	493,408		
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Credit facility	75,000	940,000		
Senior notes, net	4,854,542	3,053,657		
Derivative instruments	4,214	3,503		
Other noncurrent liabilities	99,467	80,659		
Total noncurrent liabilities	5,033,223	4,077,819		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)				
Unitholders' capital:	2.256.064	2.751.254		
	3,356,064	2,751,354		

December 31,

March 31,

199,330,596 units and 177,364,558 units issued and outstanding at March 31, 2012,	and	
December 31, 2011, respectively		
Accumulated income	671,354	677,556
	4,027,418	3,428,910
Total liabilities and unitholders' capital	\$9,577,092	\$8,000,137

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

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LINN ENERGY, LLC CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended
March 31,
2012 2011
(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

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Revenues and other:		
Oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids sales	\$348,895	\$240,707
Gains (losses) on oil and natural gas derivatives	2,031	(369,476)