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- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling and development plan;
- manage increases in the cost of, fluctuation in availability of, and competition for, goods, services, and personnel;
- acquire additional leasehold or fee mineral acreage;
- manage changes in, and volatility of, natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids prices and the potential impact of such changes on our asset carrying values;
- convert our reserves into production on an economic basis;
- successfully implement the latest horizontal drilling and completion techniques;
- effectively utilize technology, including 3D seismic data, to identify future reserves and execute our drilling and development plan;
- cure any defects impairing title to our properties;
- mitigate credit risk posed by significant customers and other participating owners;
- access third-party transportation facilities and infrastructure;
- manage conflicts of interest with our directors and officers;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding derivative instruments and related regulation;
- deal with possible regulatory responses or liability related to seismic activity in our area of operations;
- respond to shifting government regulatory requirements with respect to unconventional resource recovery, including hydraulic fracture stimulation and saltwater disposal;
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- accurately predict the timing and amount of our future natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids production;
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- access water sourcing, distribution, and disposal systems;
- generate sufficient cash flow to pay fixed charges;
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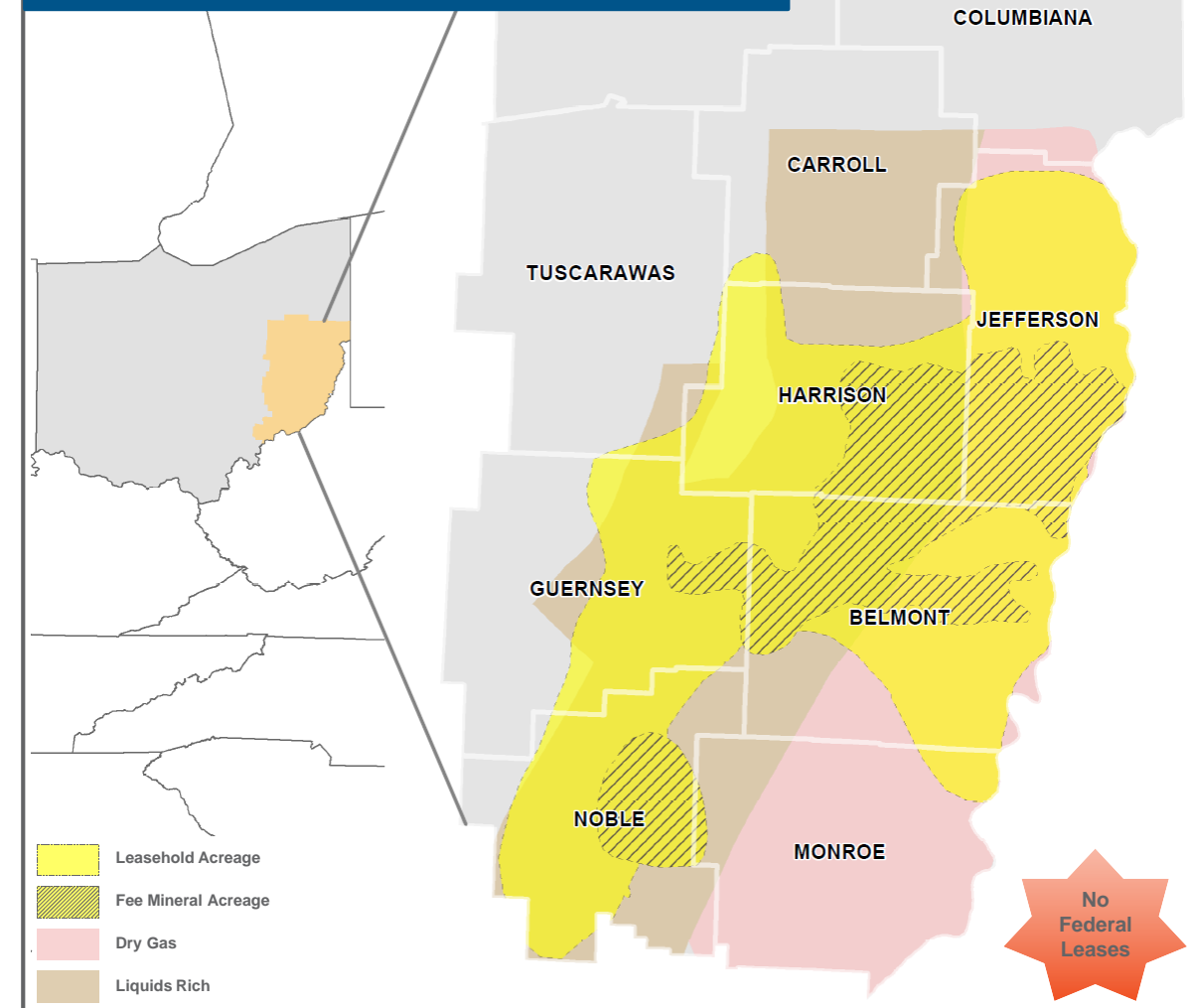
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# Premier Assets, Differentiated Results



## Premier Position in Core of Utica Shale

Net Leasehold Acres:	265,000
Ascent Operated Minerals:	72,000
Third-Party Operated Minerals <sup>(1)</sup> :	<u>6,600</u>
Total Acreage:	343,600
Full-Year 2020 Net Production	2.0 bcfe/d



**Largest oil & gas producer in Ohio and 8th largest natural gas producer in the United States<sup>(2)</sup>**

1) Ascent only owns a royalty interest in such acreage.

2) Per Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) data first quarter 2020.

**ESG Leadership and Focus on Sustainable Operations**

**Sustainable Free Cash Flow Generation**

**Continued Innovation and Technological Advancement**

**Cost Leadership and Efficiency Improvements**

**Disciplined Financial Strategy Supports Debt Reduction**

# Well-Defined Strategy and Execution



## Lead by Example When it Comes to ESG

- Established leadership in emissions, safety, community engagement and governance
- Issued second annual Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Report in Q2 2020
- 73% of produced water reused in 2020, and 2019 methane loss rate of only 0.05% (ONE Future protocol)
- 12-month rolling avg. Total Recordable Incident Rate (“TRIR”)<sup>(1)</sup> of 0.49, versus industry average of 0.58
- Gender diversity in our management team with 25% of our senior positions held by women

## World Class Resource

- Unique combination of rock qualities, pressure and deliverability for hydrocarbon development and production
- Approximately 337,000 net acres with greater than 15 years of additional operated inventory capable of maintaining >2.0 bcfe/d net production
- Reached 1 bcfe/d and 2 bcfe/d with fewer wells than any other E&P company in history

## Optimize Reserve Value

- Operator of 99% of net production allows for control of development across multiple hydrocarbon windows
- Track record of top-tier well performance and productivity yields best-in-class paybacks and capital efficiency
- Lowest 2020 development costs in Appalachia at \$611 per lateral foot
- Peer-leading production and G&A cost metrics<sup>(2)</sup> contribute to strong per-unit margins

## Generate Sustainable Free Cash Flow

- Generated positive free cash flow in 2020 in excess of the top-end of our guidance range (\$100+ million)
- Expect continued free cash flow in 2021 and beyond which will be used to reduce debt and improve liquidity
- Continued focus on long-term sustainable free cash flow that drives value creation for all stakeholders

## Active Risk Management and Disciplined Financial Strategy

- Focused financial strategy and an improved balance sheet support further debt reduction with limited near-term debt maturities (~\$68 million through Q1 2024)
- Disciplined commodity hedging program with positions covering production through YE2024
- Interest rate hedges covering approximately half of our floating rate RBL borrowings through YE2021

1) TRIR includes company employees and contractors.

2) Fourth quarter 2020 LOE of \$0.12/mcfe and G&A of \$0.07/mcfe (excludes stock-based compensation expense).



# Setting the Course for a Sustainable Future

## Environmental Stewardship and Operational Excellence

- Best-in-class GHG and methane emissions in the U.S.
  - No routine flaring of produced natural gas on company operated properties
  - GHG emissions intensity of 0.51 mt CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe (3.06 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/BOE)
  - Methane loss rate of 0.05% (below the 2025 ONE Future target of 0.28%)
- Enhanced Leak Detection and Repair (“LDAR”) Program
  - Leak rate of 0.15% on more than 130,000 components monitored monthly
- 73% reuse of produced water in 2020
- Member of The Environmental Partnership, AXPC Council and ONE Future Coalition



## Strong Corporate Governance

- 12 member Board of Managers
  - 2 independent Managers, 2 female Managers
  - Audit Committee, which includes an independent Chairperson
- 25% of senior positions within the Company are filled by women including our SVP and Chief Accounting Officer, VP of Human Resources, VP of Land and Treasurer
- Management compensation tied to conservative balance sheet, free cash flow and ESG among other items
- Cross-departmental Enterprise Risk Management Committee tasked with monitoring risk

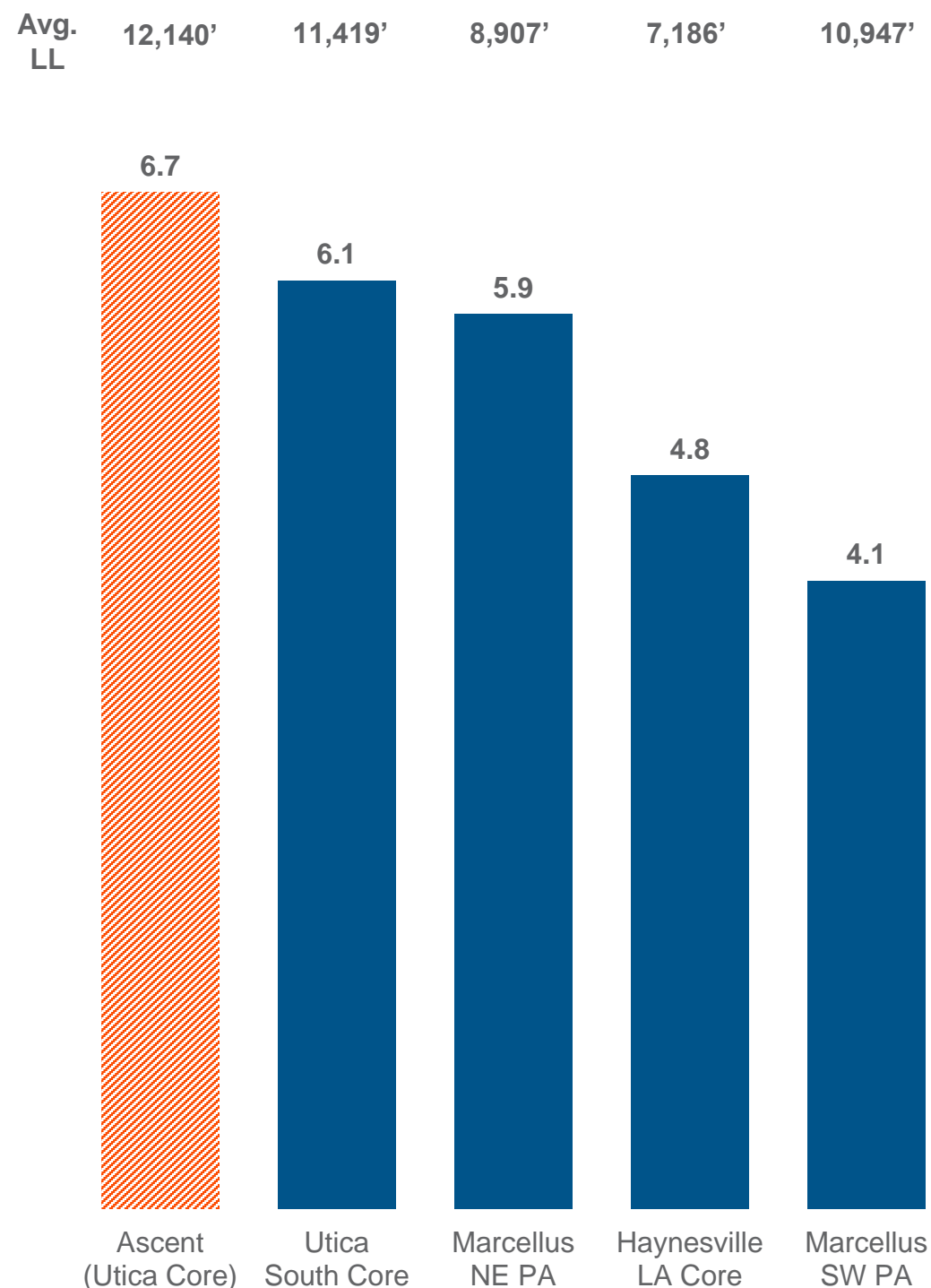
## Community Engagement and Safety Focus

- Committed to a comprehensive safety program with active participation at all levels of the organization including management, employees and contractors
  - Peer leading safety results
- Actively support the communities where we live and operate via active engagement with regulatory bodies, charitable organizations and emergency first responders
  - Over 3,200 volunteer hours made available annually to employees for community service
  - Committed to supporting national and state charities in Ohio and Oklahoma including the United Way, American Heart Association, Toys for Tots and Imagination Library

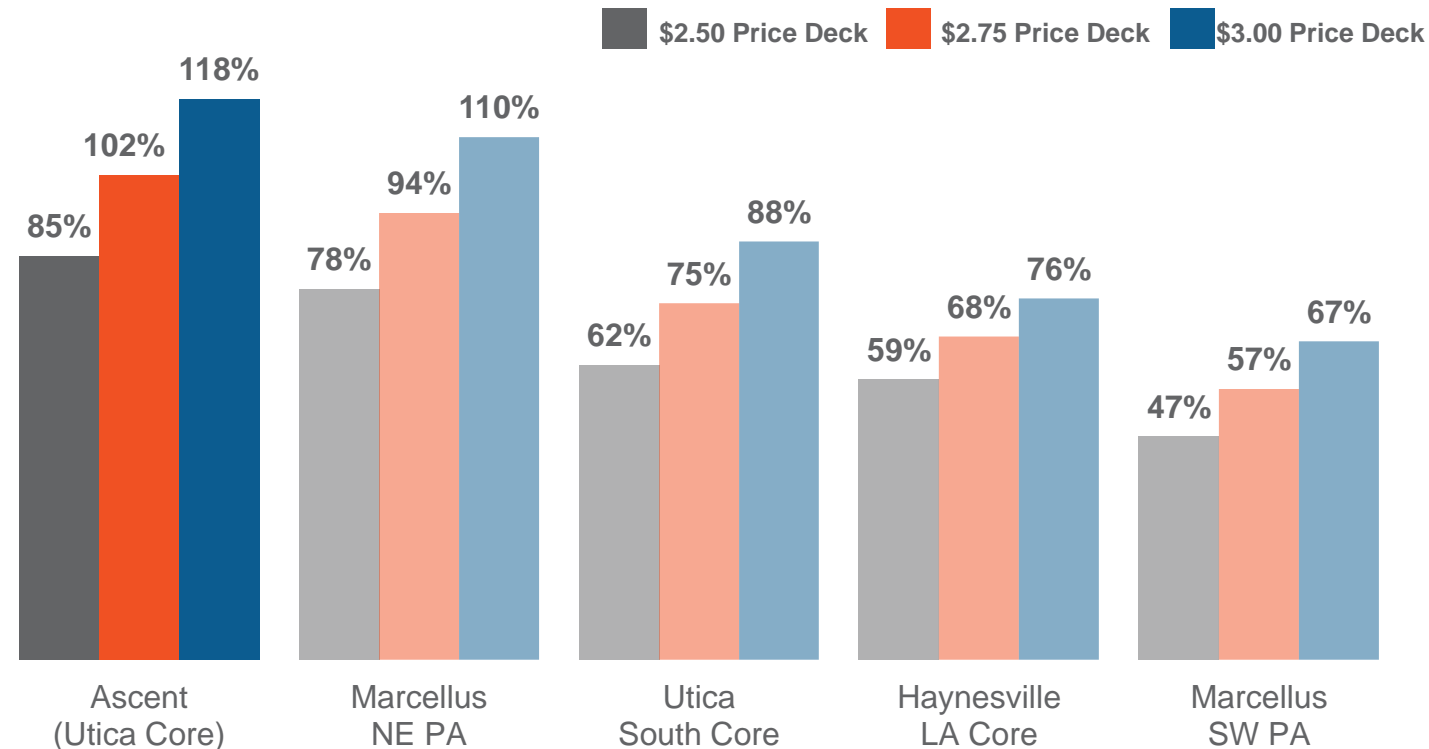
# Leading Capital Efficiency and Competitive Well Productivity Driving Returns



## First Year Production (bcfe per well)



## % Payout at 12 months



- Highest 12-month average cumulative gas production in North America
  - 6.7 bcfe of cumulative production in the Utica core within initial 12 months
- Homogenous geology, unit formation flexibility and operational skill deliver longer laterals than any other play
- Ascent's strong well productivity coupled with leading D&C cost structure and extensive mineral position accelerates well payout and maximizes capital returns



# Industry Leading Cost Structure Builds Resiliency



- D&C costs decreased to an average of \$549 per lateral foot during 4Q 2020, while averaging \$611 per lateral foot for the full-year, 5% below the low-end of our prior guidance range
  - Innovation and technology drive sustainable cost improvements
    - Increased completion stages per day
    - Improved drilling cycle times
  - Efficiency gains drive discounts for services and create alignment
- Ascent's current per foot development costs are the lowest amongst the Appalachian peer group<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Next closest peer is at \$600 per lateral foot in the Marcellus, a shallower and cheaper formation to drill and complete

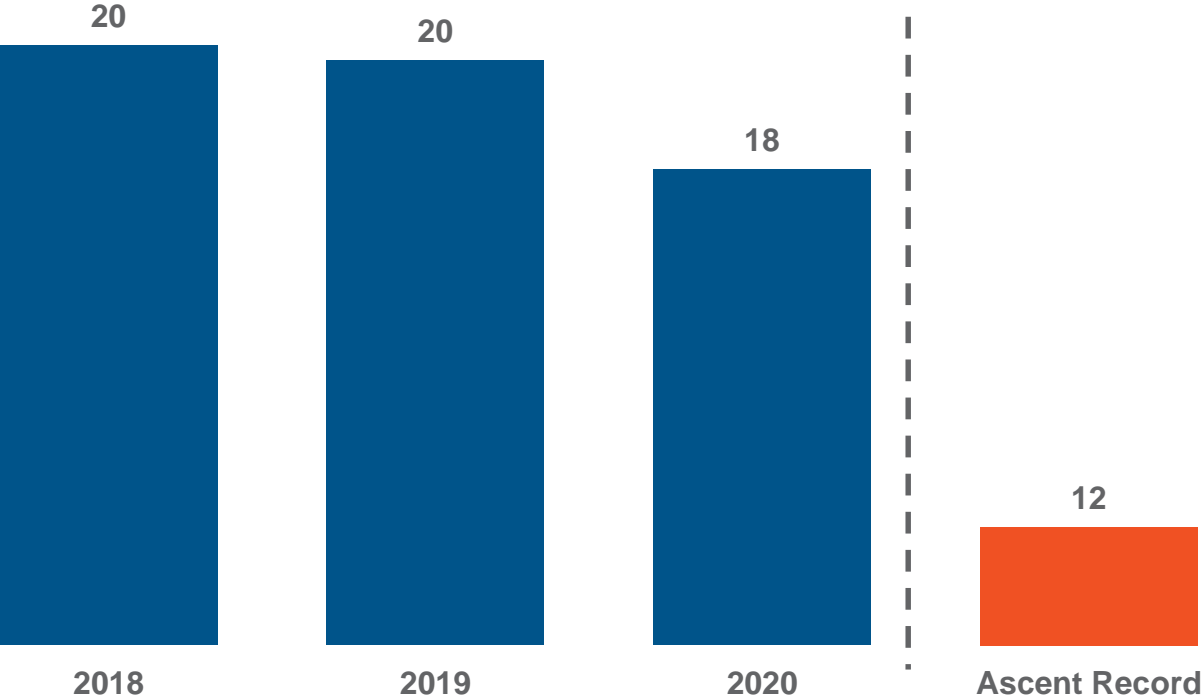


<sup>1)</sup> Peers include AR, CNX, EQT, RRC, COG, and SWN.

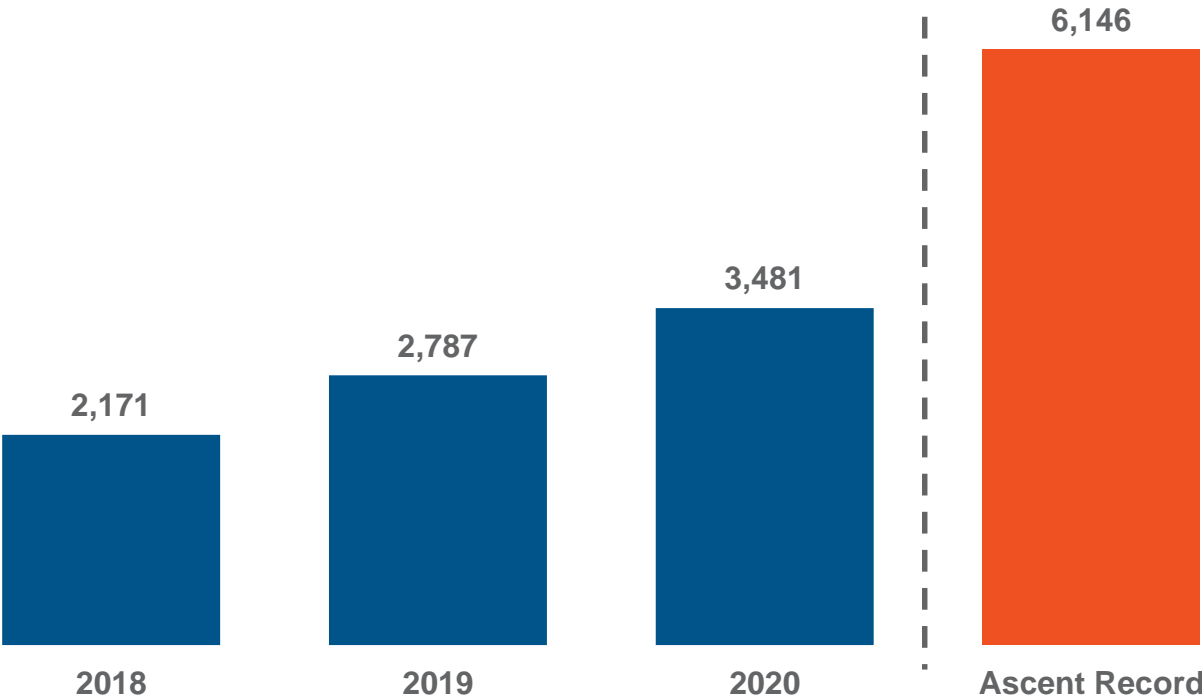
# Operational Execution Leads to Efficiency Improvements



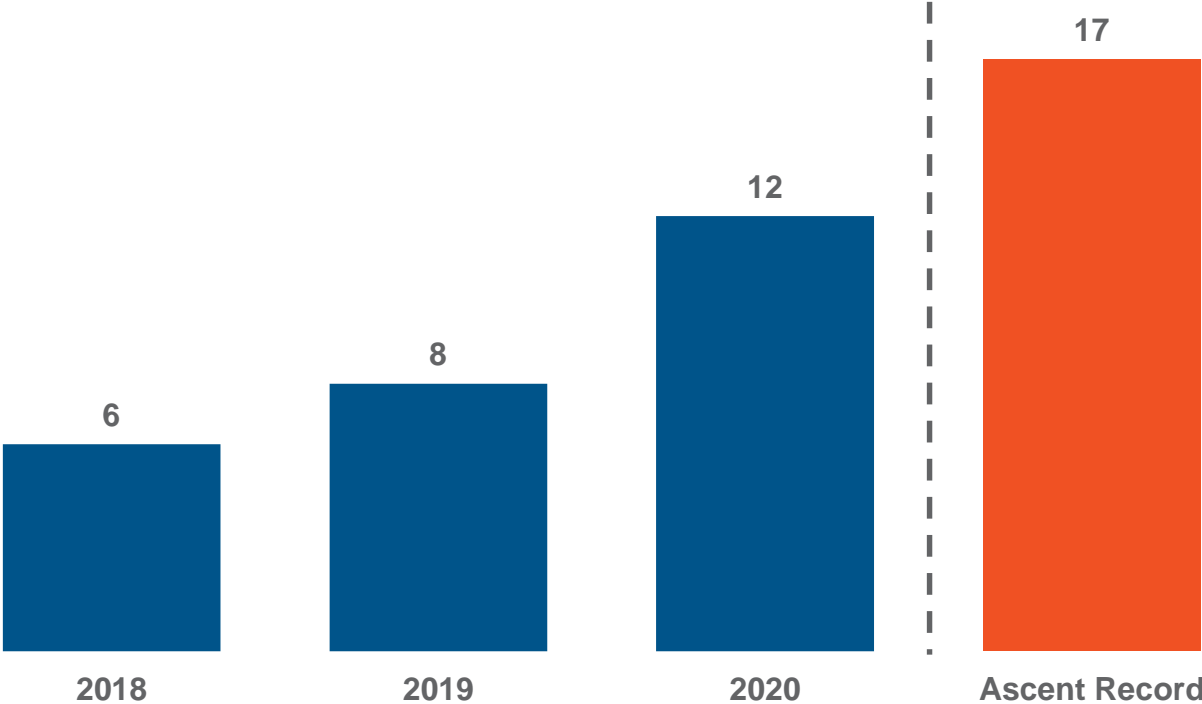
Spud to Rig Release (days)



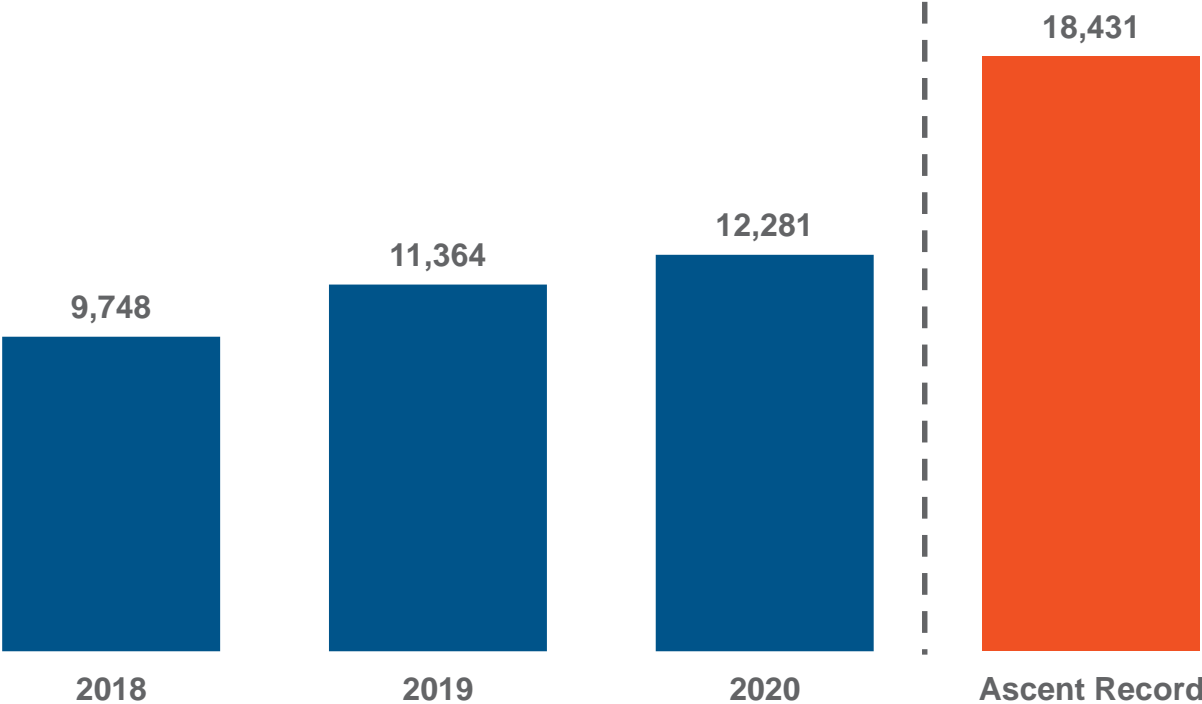
Lateral Feet Drilled (per day)



Completed Stages (per day)



Lateral Length (feet)



Note: Annual operational metrics are based on full-year averages; Ascent records are based on single-well results.

# Culture of Innovation and Technological Advancement Drives Superior Results



## Value Creation

Real-Time  
Analytics

Technical  
Expertise

3D  
Seismic

Proprietary  
Fiber  
Optics

Core Data

## Creating Value Through Technology and Innovation

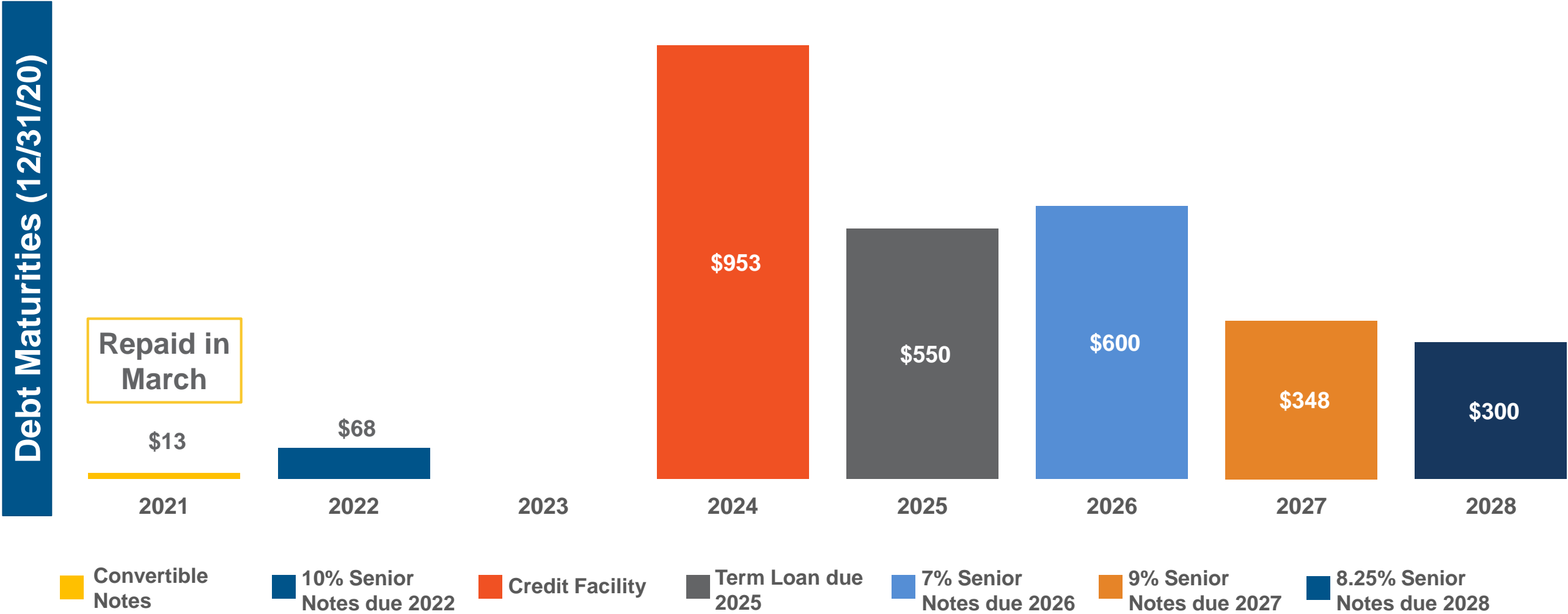
- Comprehensive suite of core, petrophysical and 3D seismic data (covers 70% of acreage position)
- Fiber optic installations to optimize completion parameters
- Drilling and completions data monitored in real-time and integrated for analysis and comparison
- Operational improvements driving efficiency:
  - Properly calibrated cluster and stage efficiencies have driven optimal proppant distributions
    - Reduced proppant and water requirements
    - Maximized production, reserves and well economics
  - Friction reducer testing to identify optimal blending and loading
    - Improved proppant placement
    - Reduced screen-outs by 95%
  - Drilling tools / software modifications and data analytics
    - Enabled single-run curve and lateral
    - Increased lateral feet per day by 60% from 2018



# Continued Focus on Balance Sheet Strength



- Weighted average maturity profile of 5 years
- No significant debt maturities until 2024
- Strong liquidity position of > \$750 million
- Long-term leverage target of < 2.0x
- Borrowing base of \$1.85 billion



# Appendix

# Fourth Quarter 2020 Results & 2021 Annual Guidance



## Fourth Quarter 2020 Results

Production (bcfe/d)	1.9
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% Natural Gas	90%
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### Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)

LOE	\$0.12
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GP&T	1.33
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Production & Ad Valorem Taxes	0.05
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G&A <sup>(1)</sup>	0.07
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Total Expenses	\$1.57
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Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)	\$214
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### CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)

Drilling & Completions	\$104
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Land	11
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Capitalized Interest	18
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Total CAPEX Incurred	\$133
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Free Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$54
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### Operations

Operated Rigs	3
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Wells Spud	11
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Wells Completed	16
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Wells TIL'd	10
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Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd	12,267'
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## Full-Year 2021 Guidance

Total Production (bcfe/d)	2.0
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% Natural Gas	90% – 92%
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Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)	\$1.50 – \$1.55
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CAPEX Incurred (\$mm) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$550 – \$600
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Free Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$100 – \$150
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### Operations / Well Counts

Operated Rigs	3 – 4
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Wells Spud	60 – 65
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Wells TIL'd	65 – 70
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Average Lateral Length of TILs	13,000'
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1) Excludes stock-based compensation expense.

2) Excludes capitalized interest.



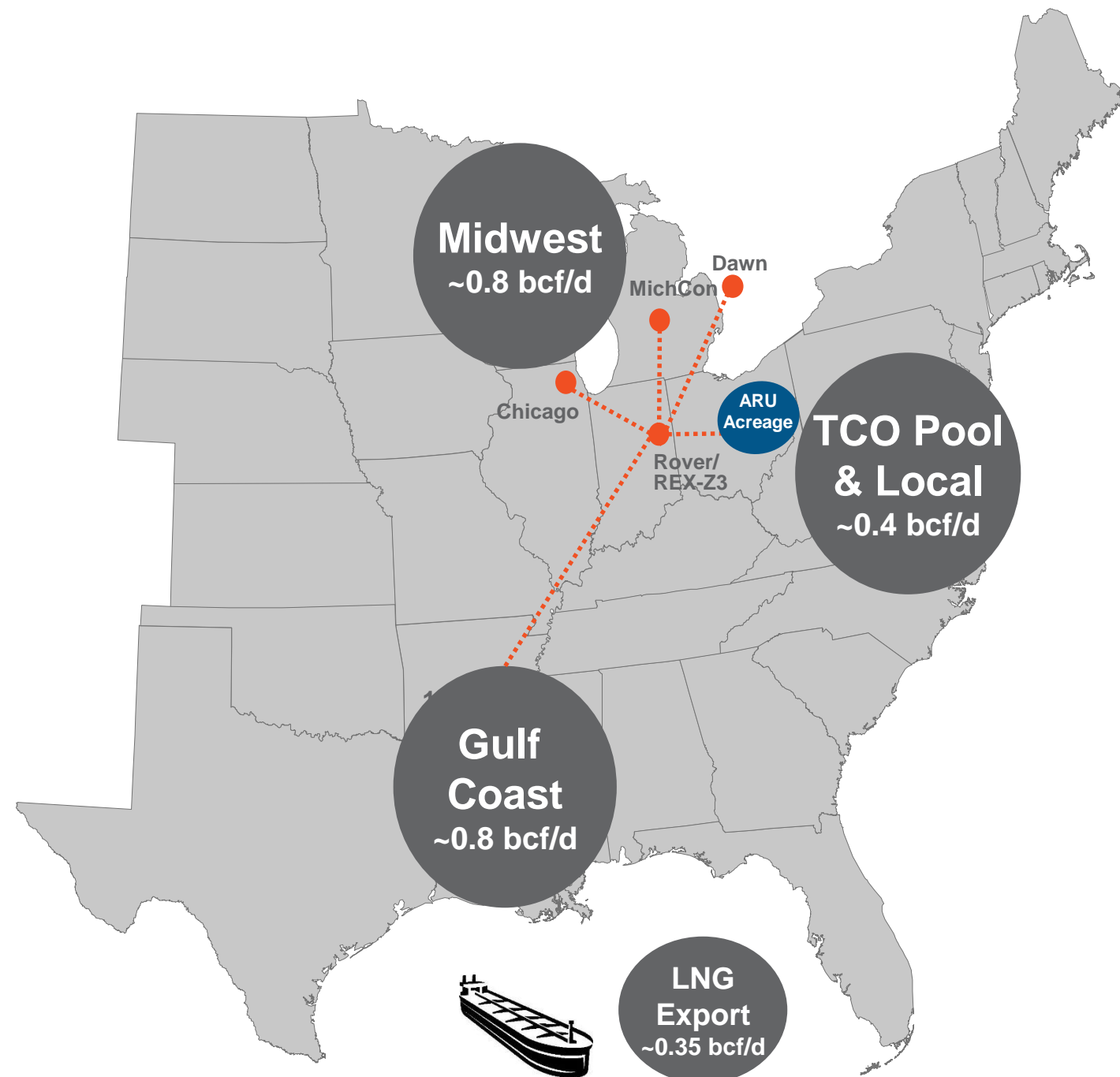
# Diversified Marketing and Transportation Portfolio

- Firm transportation takeaway capacity of ~2.1 bcf/d provides access to multiple physical and financial markets with premium pricing, including Gulf Coast LNG
- Gas production above firm transportation is sold into attractive in-basin markets, lowering Ascent's per unit cost of transportation
- Existing third-party gathering and processing infrastructure supports development plan execution

	2020A		2021E <sup>(1)</sup>	
Market	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold
Midwest	\$(0.14)	39%	\$(0.21)	37%
Gulf Coast	\$(0.13)	37%	\$(0.14)	35%
TCO Pool	\$(0.46)	14%	\$(0.48)	11%
In-basin	\$(0.78)	10%	\$(0.64)	17%
Wtd. avg. differential	\$(0.26)	100%	\$(0.29)	100%
BTU uplift	\$0.13		\$0.17	
Basis hedge gain/(loss)	\$0.02		\$0.02	
Differential to NYMEX	\$(0.11)		\$(0.10)	

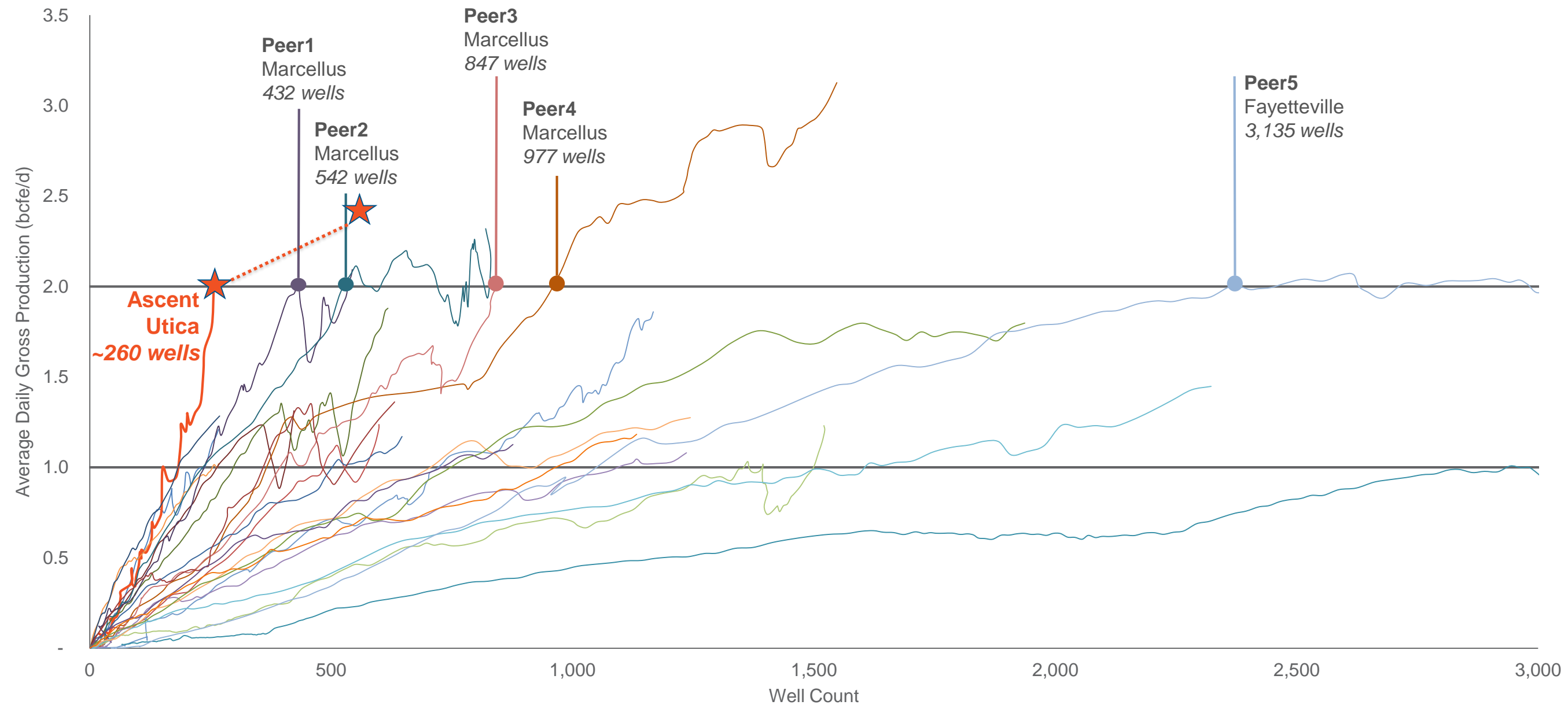
**2021E realized price projected to yield ~96% of NYMEX<sup>(1)</sup>**

## Fully-Pathed Gas Transportation Commitments



<sup>1)</sup> Estimated basis differential based on pricing as of 12/31/2020; basis hedge gain/(loss) based on mark-to-market as of 2/4/2021

# Execution and Great Rock Deliver Great Results



Achieved 1 bcfe/d gross operated production with only 151 wells

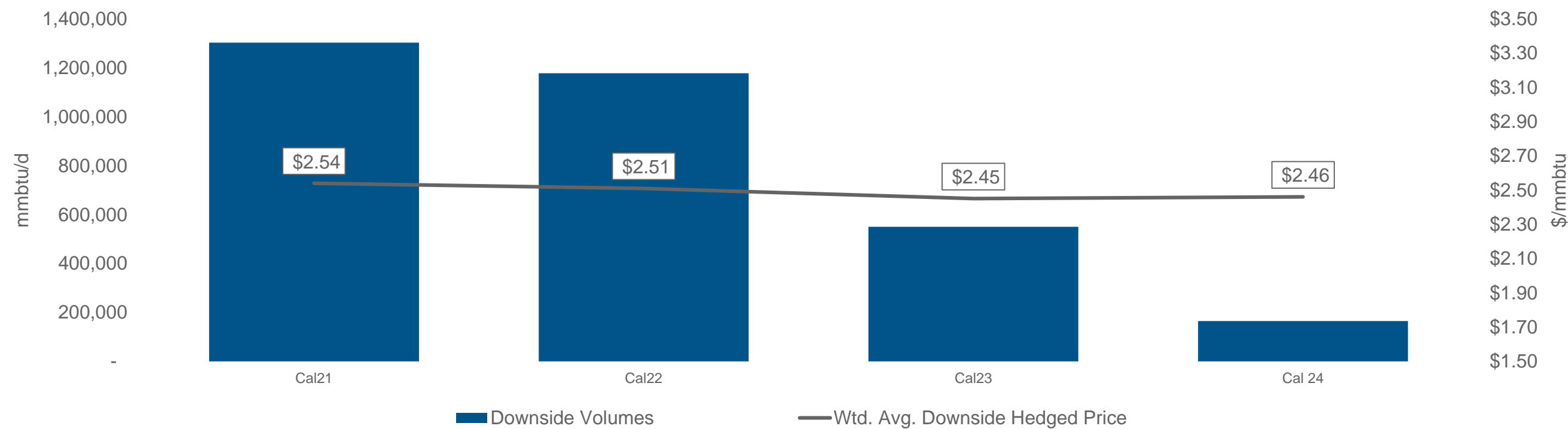
Surpassed 2 bcfe/d after 257 total wells (an incremental 106 wells)

Current gross operated production is holding steady at approximately 2.3 bcfe/d

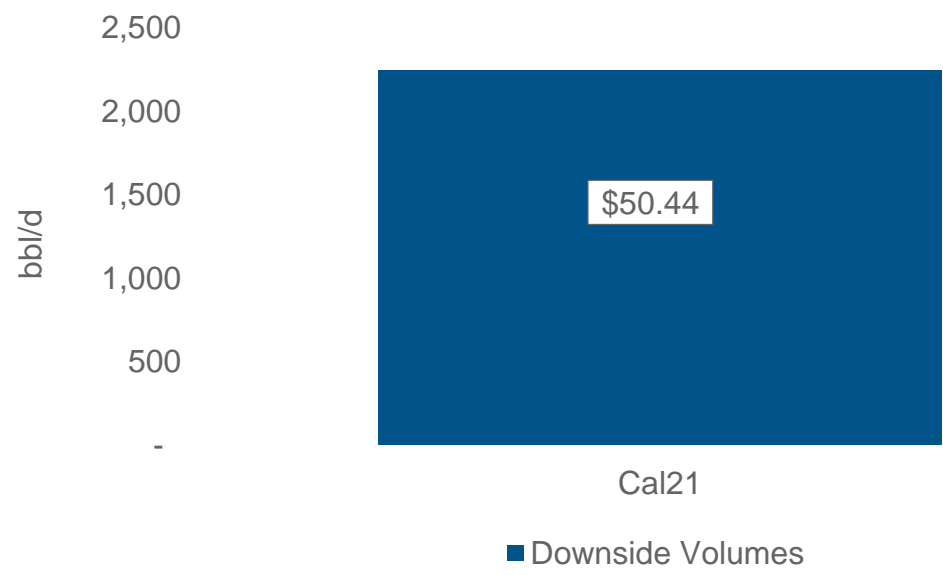
# Hedge Book Supports Sustainable Free Cash Flow



## Natural Gas



## Crude



## NGLs

Propane		
Year	Volume (bbl/d)	Wtd. Avg. Price (\$/bbl)
Cal21	2,000	\$24.78



# Ascent Resources, LLC Board of Managers



Board Position	Board Member
Executive Manager	Jeffrey A. Fisher, Chairman
EMG Managers (5)	John T. Raymond, Vice Chairman
	Jeffrey A. Ball
	Laura L. Tyson
	Vinod V. Pillai
	Jeffrey C. Rawls
First Reserve Managers (2)	Alex T. Krueger, Compensation Committee Chair
	Barbara M. Baumann, Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Committee Chair
Riverstone Manager (1)	E. Bartow Jones
Arcadia Manager (1)	Scott R. Mueller
Independent Managers (2)	Donald R. Sinclair
	Thomas R. Hix, Audit Committee Chair