

FORM 10-Q

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

FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-2921

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

44-0382470

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5400 WESTHEIMER COURT  
P.O. BOX 1642  
HOUSTON, TX 77251-1642  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 713-627-5400

NO CHANGE  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,  
if changed since last report)

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

The Registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions (H) (1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format. Part I, Item 2 has been reduced and Part II, Item 4 has been omitted in accordance with such Instruction H.

All of the Registrant's common shares are indirectly owned by Duke Energy Corporation (File No. 1-4928), which files reports and proxy materials pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the Registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Number of shares of Common Stock, no par value, outstanding at July 31, 1997: 1,000 shares

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(UNAUDITED)  
(IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Three Months Ended June 30		Year To Date June 30	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
OPERATING REVENUES				
Transportation and storage of natural gas	\$ 112.9	\$ 112.5	\$ 267.0	\$ 257.7
Other	6.4	7.5	18.7	15.1
Total operating revenues	119.3	120.0	285.7	272.8
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operation and maintenance	54.3	52.8	110.5	128.3
Depreciation and amortization	14.7	14.7	29.4	29.5
Property and other taxes	6.7	6.4	14.0	14.1
Total operating expenses	75.7	73.9	153.9	171.9
OPERATING INCOME	43.6	46.1	131.8	100.9
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES	4.3	1.7	12.0	1.2
EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXES	47.9	47.8	143.8	102.1
INTEREST EXPENSE	18.5	14.4	37.1	29.4
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	29.4	33.4	106.7	72.7
INCOME TAXES	11.1	12.9	40.7	28.2
NET INCOME	\$ 18.3	\$ 20.5	\$ 66.0	\$ 44.5

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(UNAUDITED)  
(IN MILLIONS)

	Year To Date June 30	
	1997	1996
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	\$66.0	\$ 44.5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	30.6	29.5
Deferred income taxes	4.4	(21.6)
Rate settlement (Note 3)	(70.5)	-
Net change in operating assets and liabilities	(21.9)	(24.2)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8.6	28.2
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital and investment expenditures	(36.0)	(14.6)
Net increase in advances and note receivable - parent	25.8	(40.1)
Retirements and other investing	1.5	26.8
Net cash used in investing activities	(8.7)	(27.9)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net change in notes payable	-	-
Other		
Net cash used in financing activities	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(0.1)	0.3
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	0.1	0.2
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ -	\$ 0.5

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(UNAUDITED)  
(IN MILLIONS)

	June 30, 1997	December 31, 1996	
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ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 0.1	
Receivables	52.9	58.1	
Inventory and supplies	43.7	44.3	
Current deferred income tax	-	8.6	
Current portion of regulatory assets	7.5	8.9	
Other	40.7	48.5	
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Total current assets	144.8	168.5	
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INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS			
Advances and note receivable - parent	627.1	652.9	
Investment in affiliates	45.4	44.6	
Other	7.1	15.3	
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Total investments and other assets	679.6	712.8	
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Cost	2,691.2	2,672.2	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	1,764.9	1,749.6	
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Net property, plant and equipment	926.3	922.6	
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REGULATORY ASSETS			
Debt expense	13.7	14.9	
Other	30.1	81.1	
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Total regulatory assets	43.8	96.0	
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,794.5	\$ 1,899.9	
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(UNAUDITED)  
(IN MILLIONS)

	June 30, 1997	December 31, 1996
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 41.6	\$ 30.4
Notes payable - parent	600.0	600.0
Taxes accrued	65.8	86.4
Interest accrued	8.0	8.0
Other	60.4	116.9
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Total current liabilities	775.8	841.7
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LONG-TERM DEBT	299.2	299.2
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DEFERRED CREDITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES		
Deferred income taxes	72.5	83.5
Other	85.3	179.8
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Total deferred credits and other liabilities	157.8	263.3
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COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Common stock, no par, 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	1.0	1.0
Paid-in capital	465.9	465.9
Retained earnings	94.8	28.8
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Total common stockholder's equity	561.7	495.7
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 1,794.5	\$ 1,899.9
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

1. OPERATIONS

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (PEPL) and its subsidiaries (the Company), including Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline), are primarily involved in the interstate transportation and storage of natural gas. The interstate natural gas transmission operations of PEPL and Trunkline are subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PanEnergy Corp (PanEnergy), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy). On June 18, 1997, PanEnergy was merged with a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy, with PanEnergy as the surviving corporation. Pursuant to the merger, each share of PanEnergy's outstanding common stock was converted into the right to receive 1.0444 shares of Duke Energy common stock. In addition, each option to purchase PanEnergy common stock became an option to purchase common stock of Duke Energy. The merger was accounted for as pooling of interests.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General - The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all majority owned subsidiaries. These quarterly financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the financial position and results of operations for the respective periods. Amounts reported in the Consolidated Statements of Income are not necessarily indicative of amounts expected for the respective years due primarily to the effect of seasonal temperature variations on energy consumption.

Supplemental Cash Flow Information - Total income taxes paid for the year to date June 30, 1997 and 1996 were \$64.4 million and \$56.7 million, respectively. Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized, for the year to date June 30, 1997 and 1996 was \$43.7 million and \$28.6 million, respectively.

Reclassification - Certain amounts for the prior periods have been reclassified in the consolidated financial statements to conform to the current presentation.

3. RATE MATTERS

Rate Actions

On April 1, 1992 and November 1, 1992, PEPL placed into effect, subject to refund, general rate increases. On February 26, 1997, FERC approved PEPL's settlement agreement which provides final resolution of refund matters and establishes prospective rates. The agreement terminates other actions relating to these proceedings as well as PEPL's restructuring of rates and transition

cost recoveries related to Order 636. As a result of the resolution of this and other matters, PEPL recorded pre-tax earnings of \$32.7 million year to date June 1997 and refunded \$37.8 million to customers. The settlement will not have a material impact on future operating revenues.

Effective August 1, 1996, Trunkline placed into effect a general rate increase, subject to refund, reflecting an annual cost of service increase of \$5 million. The rate proceeding is in the discovery phase, with hearings scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 1997.

#### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A summary of certain balances due to or due from related parties included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets is as follows :

IN MILLIONS	June 30, 1997	December 31, 1996
Receivables	\$ 15.1	\$ 5.0
Accounts payable	\$ 36.6	\$ 19.6
Taxes accrued	\$ 31.7	\$ 63.4

The notes payable to parent matured on June 30, 1997 and were refinanced.

Interest expense includes \$12.3 million and \$8.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively, of interest associated with notes payable to parent. Interest expense for the year to date June 30, 1997 and 1996 includes \$24.2 million and \$16.7 million, respectively, of interest associated with notes payable to parent.

#### 5. GAS IMBALANCES

The Consolidated Balance Sheets include in-kind balances as a result of differences in gas volumes received and delivered. At June 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, other current assets included \$18.7 million and \$20.4 million, respectively, for these imbalances. Also, at June 30, 1997 and December 31, 1996, other current liabilities include \$20.3 million and \$14.1 million, respectively, for gas imbalances.

#### 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

##### Litigation

On August 31, 1995, Midwest Gas Storage, Inc. (Midwest) filed suit against PEPL and PanEnergy in the 58th Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas, alleging that PEPL breached an interconnection agreement with Midwest and used its superior bargaining position to force Midwest to accept terms and conditions which were not in the original agreement. Amended petitions filed in 1996 and 1997 further allege that PEPL and PanEnergy, through economic coercion, have attempted to drive Midwest out of business. This matter was disposed

of by the parties in July 1997 and will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

A lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by a natural gas producer was served in July 1996 naming PEPL, Trunkline and certain affiliated companies as defendants, among others. The action was brought under the federal False Claims Act against 70 defendants, including every major pipeline, asserting that the defendants intentionally underreported volumes and heating content of gas purchased from producers on federal and Indian lands, with the result that the United States was underpaid royalties. The plaintiff seeks recovery of the royalty amounts due the United States, treble damages and civil penalties. PEPL, Trunkline and their affiliated companies, and many of the other defendants, were dismissed from the lawsuit on March 27, 1997. The plaintiff retains the right to refile the claims against the various defendants under certain conditions. The Company believes the resolution of this matter will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

On April 25, 1997, a group of affiliated plaintiffs that own and/or operate various pipeline and marketing partnerships in Kansas and Missouri filed suit against PEPL in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. The plaintiffs allege that PEPL has engaged in unlawful and anti-competitive conduct with regard to requests for interconnects with the PEPL system for service to the Kansas City area. Asserting that PEPL has violated the antitrust laws and tortiously interfered with plaintiffs' contracts with third parties, plaintiffs seek compensatory and punitive damages in unspecified amounts. Because this matter is in the early stages of litigation, the Company cannot estimate the effects of this matter on the results of operations or financial position.

On May 13, 1997, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko) filed suits against PEPL and other affiliates, as defendants, both in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and State District Court of Harris County, Texas. Anadarko claims that it was effectively indemnified by the defendants against any responsibility for refunds of Kansas ad-valorem taxes which are due purchasers of gas from Anadarko, retroactive to 1983. Because this matter is in the early stages of litigation, PEPL cannot estimate the effects of this matter on results of operations or financial position.

The Company is also involved in various other legal, tax and regulatory proceedings before various courts, regulatory commissions and government agencies arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Where appropriate for all of these matters, the Company has made accruals in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies," in order to provide for such matters. Management is of the opinion that the final disposition of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or financial position of the Company.

#### Other Commitments and Contingencies

In 1993, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced its intention to seek additional royalties from gas producers as a result of payments received by such producers in connection with past take-or-pay settlements, and buyouts and buydowns of gas sales contracts with natural gas pipelines. PEPL and Trunkline, with respect to certain producer contract settlements, may be



contractually required to reimburse or, in some instances, to indemnify producers against such royalty claims. The potential liability of the producers to the government and of the pipelines to the producers involves complex issues of law and fact which are likely to take substantial time to resolve. If required to reimburse or indemnify the producers, PEPL and Trunkline will file with FERC to recover a portion of these costs from pipeline customers. The Company believes the resolution of this matter will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position.

PEPL owns an effective 6% ownership interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) through a master limited partnership. Under the terms of a settlement related to a transportation agreement between PEPL and Northern Border, PEPL guarantees payment to Northern Border under a transportation agreement by an affiliate of Pan-Alberta Gas Limited. The transportation agreement requires estimated total payments of \$94.4 million for 1997 through 2001. In the opinion of management, the probability that PEPL will be required to perform under this guarantee is remote.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On June 18, 1997, Duke Energy and PanEnergy consummated a stock-for-stock merger. See Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

The Company is involved in interstate transportation and storage of natural gas to customers in the Midwest and Gulf Coast states. The Company continues to advance new projects that provide expanded services to meet the specific needs of customers. In addition, the Company offers selective discounting to further maximize revenues from existing capacity.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income for the three months ended June 30, 1997 was \$18.3 million, compared with \$20.5 million for the same period in 1996. An increase in interest expense in 1997 was the primary cause of the decrease in net income.

Net income for the year to date June 30, 1997 was \$66.0 million, compared with \$44.5 million for the same period in 1996. This increase was primarily due to 1997 reversals of provisions related to the final settlement of certain rate proceedings and due to costs recorded in 1996 associated with the consolidation of certain administrative functions.

Revenues for the three months ended June 30, 1997 were relatively flat compared to the same period in 1996. Year to date revenues in 1997 reflect reversals of \$19.9 million of provisions related to the final settlement of certain rate proceedings.

Operating expenses for the year to date June 30, 1997 decreased \$18 million, primarily due to costs recorded in 1996 associated with the consolidation of certain administrative functions.

Interest expense for the quarter and year to date ended June 30, 1997 increased primarily as a result of higher average outstanding debt balances due to PanEnergy.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Capital expenditures totaled \$36 million in the first six months of 1997, compared with \$14.6 million for the same period in 1996. The Company currently expects to invest approximately \$85 million in 1997 capital expenditures, with the majority of expenditures related to market expansion projects. In 1997, the FERC approved Trunkline's \$50 million expansion of the Terrebonne system, with a planned 1998 in-service date and targeting expanding natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. Expenditures for 1997 are expected to be funded by cash from operations and/or the collection of intercompany amounts owed the Company.

In 1997, PanEnergy announced the Spectrum project, which will utilize existing and released capacity on PanEnergy's four interstate pipelines and provide up to 500 billion British thermal units per day of firm transportation capacity from the Chicago area to the East Coast.

OTHER

Natural Gas Transmission Competition

The market for transmission of natural gas to the Midwest is increasingly competitive, and may become more so, in light of projects in progress to increase Midwest transmission capacity for gas originating in Canada and the Rocky Mountain region. As such, there may continue to be pressure on prices charged by the company and an increasing necessity to discount the cost based rates charged.

Currently, the interstate natural gas transmission industry is regulated on a basis designed to recover the costs of providing services to customers. If competitive forces do not allow interstate pipelines to charge rates that would allow them to recover the costs of providing service, the companies would no longer be able to follow the specialized accounting rules allowing regulated companies under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation". Such companies would therefore be required to write off their regulatory assets. The regulatory assets of the Company are indicated on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Management cannot predict the potential impact, if any, of these competitive forces on the Company's future results of operations or financial position. However, the Company continues to position itself to effectively meet these challenges through innovative services for its customers and more efficient operations.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

For information concerning litigation and other commitments and contingencies, see Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits

(27) Financial Data Schedule (included in electronic filing only)

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed a report on Form 8-K on June 27, 1997 under Item 1, Changes in Control of Registrant.

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.

PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE

COMPANY

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Paul F. Ferguson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

August 14, 1997

This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997 and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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Not meaningful since Panhandle Pipe Line Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary.