#### **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 3, 2020

#### NuStar Energy L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-16417

(Commission File Number)

74-2956831 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

19003 IH-10 West

San Antonio, Texas 78257 (Address of principal executive offices)

(210) 918-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications	pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (	17 CFR	230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common units	NS	New York Stock Exchange
Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprA	New York Stock Exchange
Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprB	New York Stock Exchange
Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprC	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Senior management of NuStar Energy L.P. is meeting with members of the investment community at the Barclays Select Series: Midstream & Infrastructure Corporate Access Days on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 and Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The slides attached to this report were prepared in connection with, and are being used during, the meetings. The slides are included in Exhibit 99.1 to this report and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	EXHIBIT	
Exhibit 99.1	Slides to be used on March 3, 2020 and March 4, 2020.	
Exhibit 104	Cover Page Interactive Data File – the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document	

#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.

Riverwalk Logistics, L.P. its general partner

NuStar GP, LLC its general partner

Date: March 3, 2020

By: /s/ Amy L. Perry

Name: Amy L. Perry

Title: Executive Vice President-Strategic Development and General Counsel



## Forward-Looking Statements



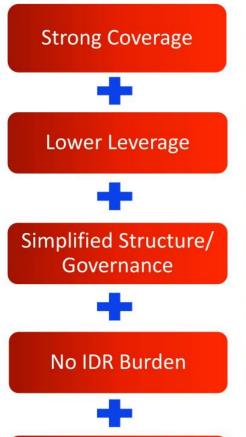
Statements contained in this presentation other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. While these forward-looking statements, and any assumptions upon which they are based, are made in good faith and reflect our current judgment regarding the direction of our business, actual results will likely vary, sometimes materially, from any estimates, predictions, projections, assumptions or other future performance presented or suggested in this presentation. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the words "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "plans," "intends," "estimates," "forecasts," "budgets," "projects," "could," "should," "may" and similar expressions. These statements reflect our current views with regard to future events and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

We undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in the company's expectations. For more information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed or forecasted, see NuStar Energy L.P.'s annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC and available on NuStar's website at www.nustarenergy.com. We use financial measures in this presentation that are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("non-GAAP") and our reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures are located in the appendix to this presentation. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered an alternative to GAAP financial measures.



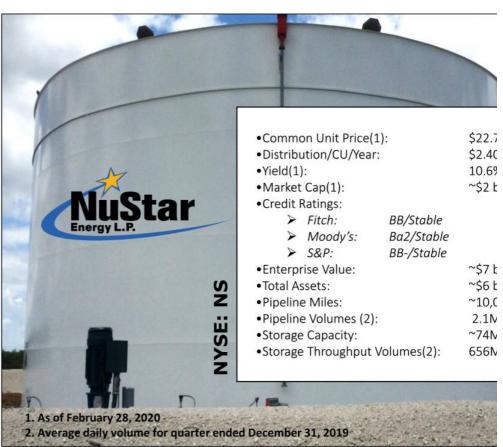
# We Have Completed Our Stepped Plan to Achieve MLP Investor Priorities





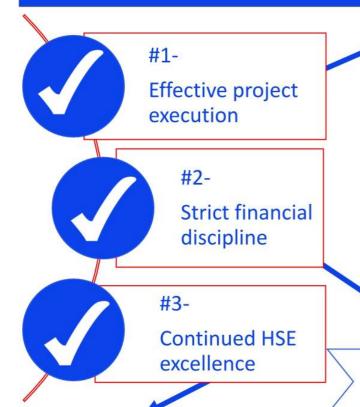
Maximized Self-

**Funding** 



# In 2019, Thanks to Our Employees' Hard Work and Focus, We Met or Surpassed Each of Our Core Operational Goals





## 2019 Projects Completed

Selby Renewable Diesel
Stockton Biodiesel
Permian Sunrise Connection
Midland Connection Projects
Wichita Falls/Hewitt/Sunrise Project
St. James/Bayou Bridge Connection
Corpus Early Service Export on 16"
Corpus Full-service Export on 30"

Valley System Project

Nuevo Laredo Early Service Project\* Gray Oak/Hwy 97 Connection Portland Biodiesel/Renewable Diesel

\* Nuevo Laredo Full-Service Project (on schedule 1Q20)

## 2019 Strategic Spending

Initial: \$500-550MM

Revised: \$485-515MM

Actual: \$467MN

2019 Health & Safety Even through an ambitious capital program in 2019, we had fewer recordables than in 2018 (and our 2018 safety statistics were significantly better than industry averages)

## ... And We Also Achieved or Beat Our Financial Targets in 2019

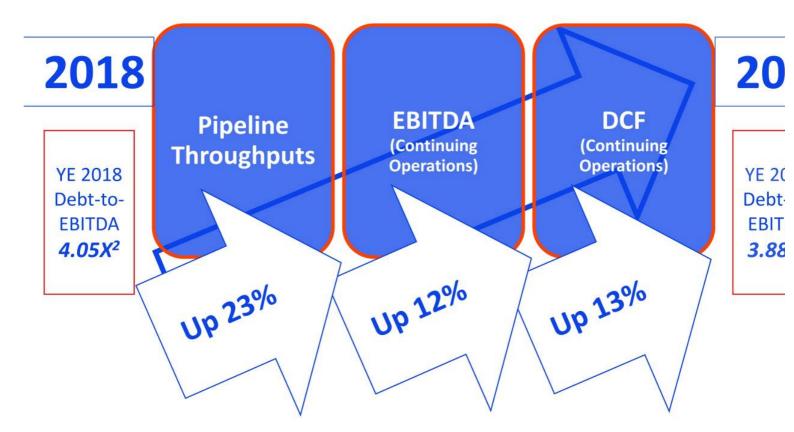


Previous Guidance	Revised Guidance Actual	
2019 DCF COVERAGE 1.2-1.3X	1.3-1.4X	
2019 Debt-to-EBITDA ~4.3X	~4.0X 3.88X	

<sup>1 -</sup> Please see Appendix for reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures

# ...And We Generated Healthy Growth Across Our Footprint in 2019

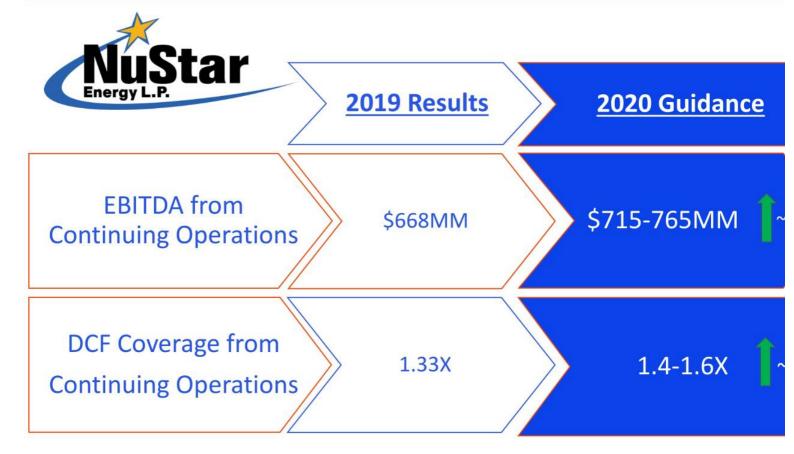




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- 2 Based on a rolling four quarters

# We are Proud of the Strong Results That We Delivered in 2019, and We Have Forecasted an Even Stronger 2020

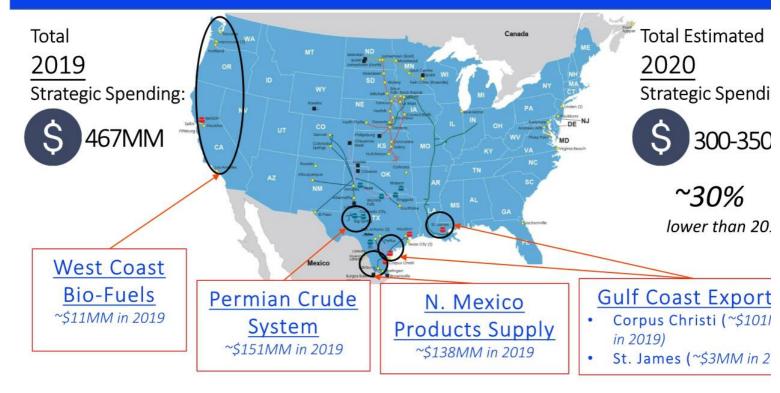




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## Our 2020 Strategic Spending Program is Focused on Low-multiple Projects to Build Upon NuStar's "Sweet Spots"



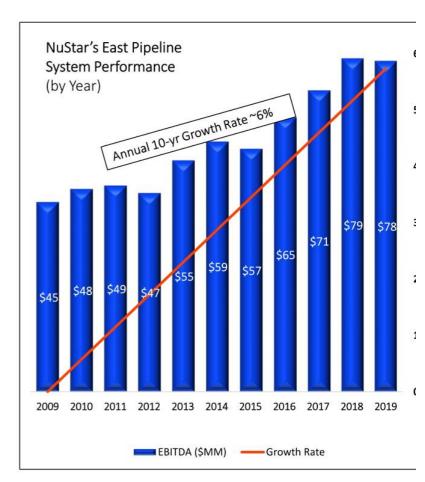


- ★ We plan to spend at least <u>30% less in 2020</u> on capital projects than we did in 2019, the majority of which will be focused on the same key areas of opportunity we invested in during 2019
- ★ We will only execute on low-multiple projects that enhance our existing footprint and improve ou metrics

#### Beyond Our Sweet Spots, Our Optimization Program has Made Small but Meaningful Improvements Across Our Assets to Assure Steady Returns



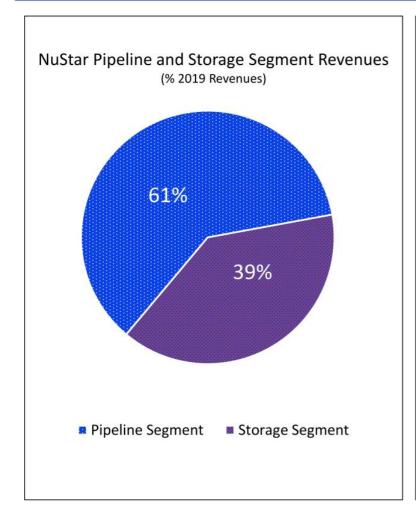
- As a result of our five-year plan for optimization of our assets across our footprint, we have been able to capitalize on identified synergies and increase the positive contribution of our legacy assets through low-capital, small projects and bolt-on acquisitions
  - With our Council Bluffs acquisition in 2018, we increased our capacity and enhanced our market reach, which in turn has expanded our East System, both in terms of pipeline and butane blending operations
    - Butane blending operations generated a record \$14 million of EBITDA in 2019 for our Fuels Marketing Segment

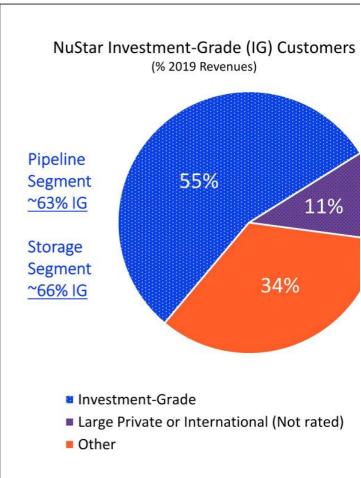


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## ... And Our Diverse Asset Base, Creditworthy Customers and Long-Term Contracts Provide Cross-Cyclical Balance







# This Year and in Future Years, We Intend to Stay Focused on Meeting Our Objectives for Building Unitholder Value, Across Cycles







## The Permian Basin Has Been, and Is Expected to Continue to be, the Largest and Most Resilient U.S. Shale Play...

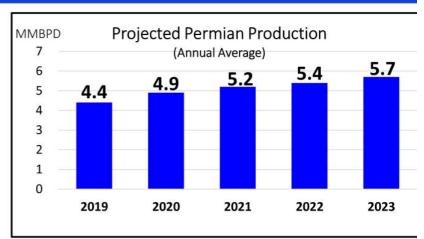


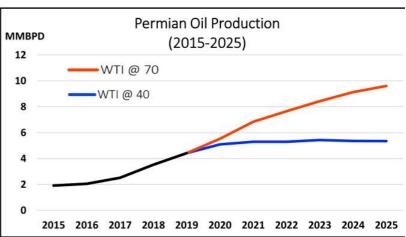
★ Even with widely publicized concerns regarding public E&P capital spending cuts, the Permian Basin's production growth is still expected:

To exit 2020 at
4.9MMbpd, over 50% of
the nation's total shale
output

To exit 2023 at 5.7MMbpd

★ Midland producers are generating the lowest breakeven costs of any basin: \$35-\$45/bbl WTI





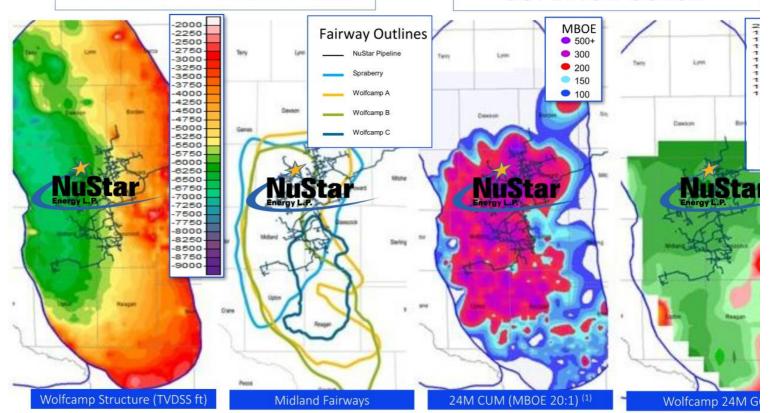
Sources: Bloomberg (2/25/2020), EIA (2/11/2020), ESAI (1/31/2020), JP Morgan (2/6/2020), Wells Fargo (2/21/2020); Rystad Energy (February 2020)

# We Acquired Our System Because It Sits Squarely Over the Midland Basin's "Hot" Spot...



## MOST ACCESSIBLE, STACKED FORMATIONS...

## BEST RECOVERIES AND SUPERIOR GORs...



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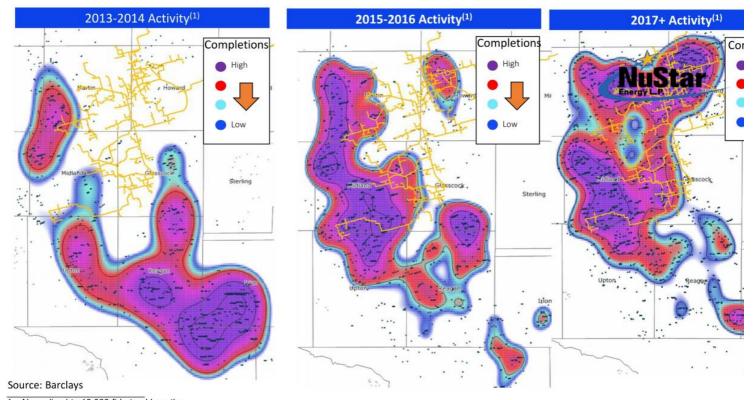
Source: Barclays

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# ... And the Epicenter of Midland Basin Drilling Activity Now Sits Squarely Over Our System



★ The geological superiority of our system's location, as well as our producers' improvements in technique, has proven out as drilling activity has increasingly shifted toward and over our assets over time



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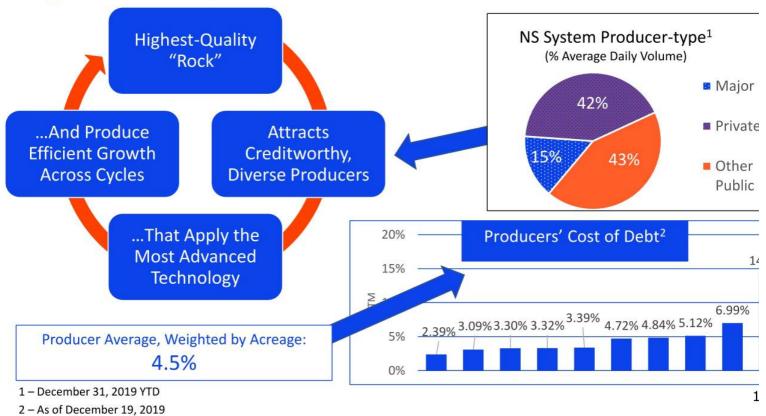
## Our "Core of the Core" Location has Attracted Our Top-Tier Customers



The quality of geological formations underlying our system attracts the strongest customers

Our creditworthy customers include majors and the most prolific E&Ps, both private and put the basin, as well as large independent refiners and marketers

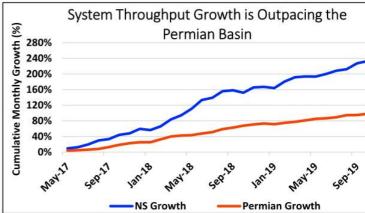
Over 45% of our system's revenue is generated from investment-grade rated entities<sup>1</sup>



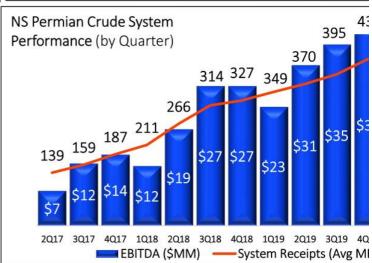
## Our Top-Tier Customers Continue to Drive Our System's Strong Performance







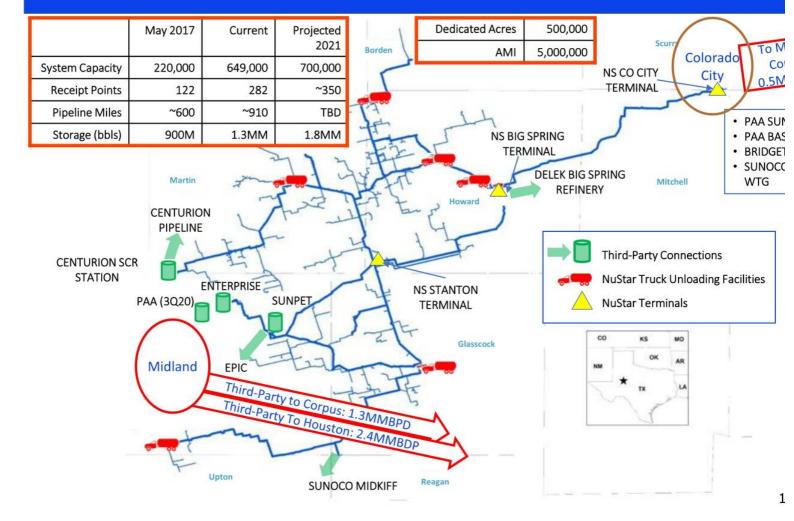
- ★ Our system's throughput volumes are up 278% since we acquired it, compared to 108%, the Permian Basin's growth over that period
- ★ We averaged 448MBPD in December 2019, and we exited the year at over 460MBPD
- March nominations continue to increase and have come in well ahead of our forecast
  - We expect to achieve throughput of over 550MBPD by year-end 2020



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# With the "Backbone" of Our System Complete, We Plan to Continue to Grow in Step With Our Customers' Needs



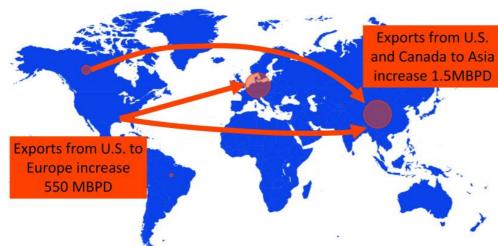


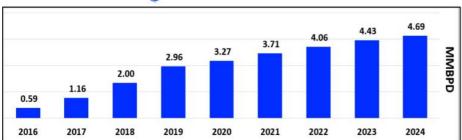


## U.S. Crude Exports are Expected to Continue to Grow as North American Production Exceeds Refiner Demand









#### 2.2MMbpd

New capacity from Permian long-haul projects in-service 2H 2019 and early 2020

#### 2.0MMbpd or 74%

Growth in U.S. exports through 2024 after long-haul projects commence service

#### 4Q 2020

United States expected to become a sustainable net exporter

#### Midstream Solutions

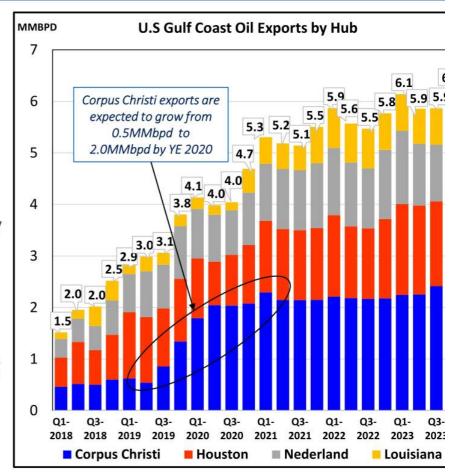
Ensuring that exports and related infrastructure keeps pace with that expected growth represents the next large-scale logistics dislocation requiring midstream solutions

Sources: ESAI, RBN Energy

## The Port of Corpus Christi has Become the Largest U.S. Crude Export Hub



- Regional refiners' consumption has topped out, which means that a significant proportion of the volumes transported on the additional 2.1MMbpd of new long-haul pipeline capacity from the Permian to the Corpus area will be moved out over Corpus dock facilities
- Corpus Christi, historically a regional refinery and domestic marine delivery hub, has evolved into a major crude oil export hub
  - At the end of 2019, Corpus Christi exceeded one third of the total 3.8 MMbpd of Gulf Coast exports
  - By year-end 2023, exports from Corpus are projected to grow to 2.6MMbpd of the Gulf Coast's total 6.2MMbpd

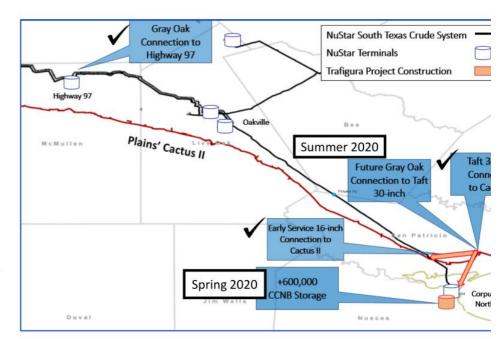


Source: EIA, Rystad Energy (October 2019), RBN Energy, IEA

# We Have Expanded on Our Existing Assets in South Texas to Export Permian Barrels for Trafigura From Our Corpus Christi Facility



- ★ We have completed our project for Trafigura to connect our existing South Texas Crude System with PAA's Cactu transport Permian barrels to our Corpus Christi North Beach facility for export:
  - In August, we began transporting WTI via our South Texas system 16" existing pipeline from a connection to PAA's Cactus II pipeline to our Corpus Christi North Beach Terminal
  - In early September, we completed construction on a new 30" pipeline from a connection in Taft, TX to our Corpus Christi North Beach Terminal and continue to build 600Mbbls of storage at Corpus Christi, which will bring our capacity at the facility to 3.9MMbbls

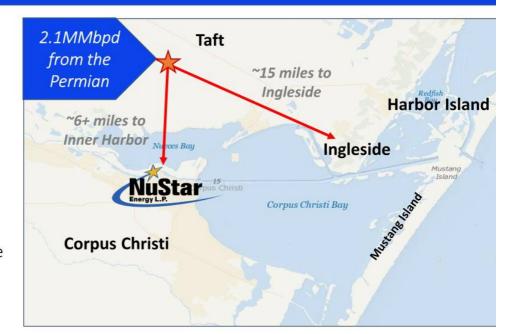


- ★ Taft, TX will be the point of convergence for all three new pipelines and offers shipper optionality to deliver to e side of the ship channel (Ingleside or Corpus Christi)
  - We are in discussions to connect to other long-haul pipeline projects and with parties for additional commitments

#### Our Connection Facility in Taft, Texas Establishes Our Footprint in this Emerging South Texas Crude Oil Hub



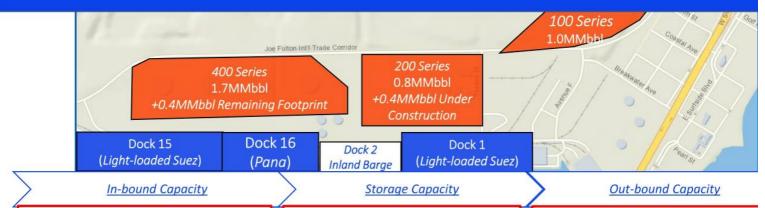
- ★ The Permian long-haul pipeline projects were developed to maximize shippers' destination optionality, and Taft, Texas offers both geographic flexibility and less expensive real estate
  - Taft's location offers a jumping off point for connections on either side of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (Ingleside or the Inner Harbor)



- ★ As the point of convergence for all three of the Permian-to-Corpus Christi long-haul pipelines and developing access to multiple marine and refinery outlets, Taft is poised to become the major cru market hub in South Texas
- ★ Our connection to Cactus II in Taft not only enables our services for Trafigura; it also positions Nu! build on our early entry into this developing hub
- ★ We believe there will be ample volumes to support an expansion of our initial Taft position

#### We are Exporting Permian Long-haul Barrels at Our Corpus Christi North Beach Terminal





#### Current total: 1.2MMbpd

- South Texas Crude System 16" Pipeline- 240Mbpd
- Taft 30"- 720Mbpd and expandable
- Harvest 16" Pipeline 240Mbpd

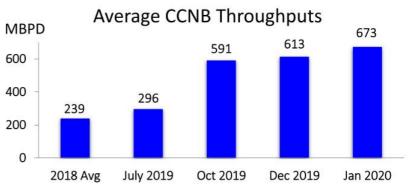
#### Current total: 3.5MMbbl

- <u>Plus</u> (under construction)-0.4MMbbl
- Potential 0.4MMbbl

#### Current total: 1.1MMbpd

- Ship docks-750Mbpd to 1.0MMbpc
- Refinery pipeline- 100Mbpd
- Anticipated throughputs after proje completion- 600Mbpd to 700Mbpd

- Our Corpus Christi North Beach Terminal is now receiving barrels from our South Texas Crude Oil Pipeline System, our 12" Three Rivers Supply Pipeline and our new 30" pipeline from Taft, as well as from thirdparty pipeline connections
  - Average throughputs in January continued to more than double our 2018 average at the facility

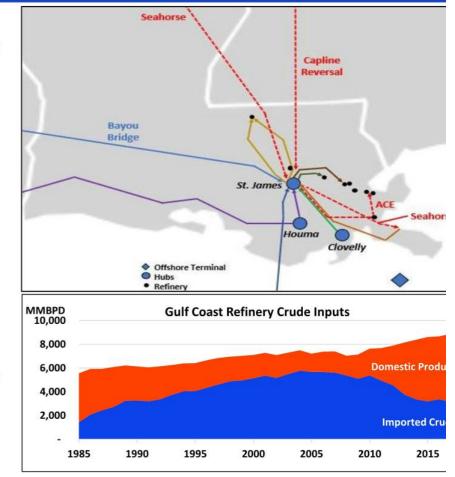


# St. James, Formerly the Heart of U.S. Crude Import Infrastructure, is Evolving With Changing Crude Flows to Facilitate Regional Refinery Supply, Domestic Marine Deliveries and International Export



- ★ Pre-shale play revolution, St. James, LA developed into the heart of a vast web of pipelines dedicated to supplying imported crude oil to refineries in the region and inland, across the mid-continent
- ★ As rapid growth in North American production has allowed refiners to replace much of crude imports with domestic crude, imports to midcontinent refiners through St. James have decreased dramatically
- ★ St. James remains the center of crude distribution and storage for the Louisiana region, which constitutes about 13% of the U.S. refining complex and export demand is expected to grow as North American supply overflows U.S. refiner demand

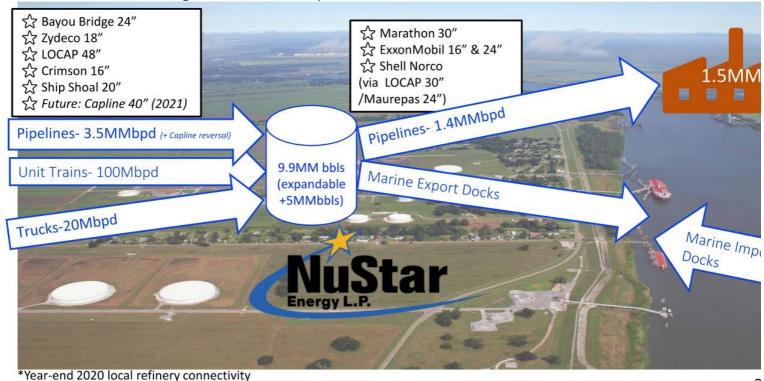
Source: RBN, EIA



# Our St. James Terminal is a World-class Facility That We Continue to Connect and Equip for the Next Opportunities as the Hub Evolves



- ★ We are developing projects to ensure that, as in-bound pipeline volumes grow, we have the connectivity and capability those barrels require for handling, storage, blending, batching and export
- ★ Our facility is evolving into an "outward-facing" platform that provides targeted service: receiving a diverse cruc slate and storing, blending and delivering a customized "cocktail" to local, as well as other U.S. and internationa destinations, according to our customers' specific needs

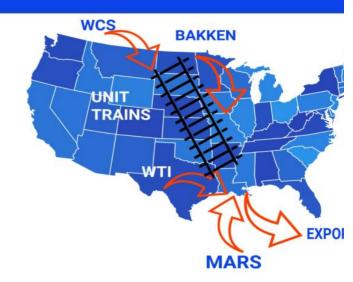


#### Our St. James Facility Continues to Benefit From Price Dislocations That Incentivize Rail and is Positioned to Participate in Export Growth in the Future When Pipeline Constraints Resolve



- ★ A major dislocation between WCS production and the Gulf Coast from a lack of long-haul capacity from the North has continued to drive wide differentials that support unit train economics
  - We now have a contracted commitments for 30MBPD through April 2022 (increased from 20MBPD)
  - Dislocations are expected to continue, at least until the Enbridge Line 3 project is in service, now estimated in service in 2021





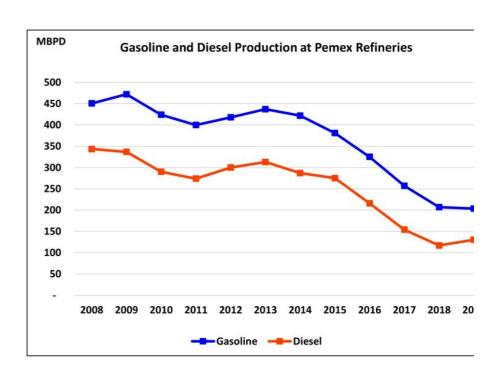
- ★ We continue to work to assure our facility is connect the pipeline projects in progress to debottleneck plays, the region, as well as the Midwest and beyond
  - As soon as mid-2021, Capline's reversal is likely t bring large volumes of WTI, heavy Canadian and Bakken crude for use in regional refineries and exto other locations
  - In March 2019, Bayou Bridge began bringing WT light, Bakken and Canadian barrels either for exp or local use



# Mexico's Refined Product Demand is Expected to Continue to Exceed Its Infrastructure's Capacity



★ Mexico refineries currently operate around 35% of nameplate capacity due to weak returns and historical under-investment In 2019, utilization has fluctuated between 30% and 55% of capacity and is projected to stabilize at 40% of capacity in 2020



Source: Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX)

## We Completed Two Projects in 2019, and Will Bring Another Into Service in Early 2020, to Help Remedy Mexico's Supply Shortfall



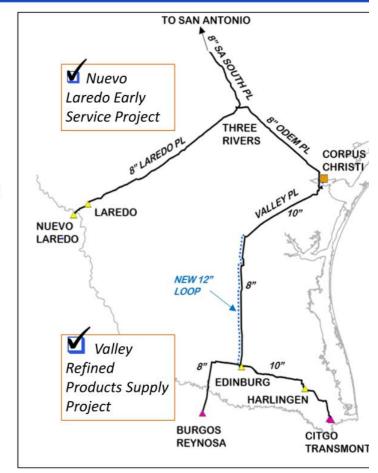
★ In 3Q 2019, we completed service on two projects we developed to address the supply imbalance in Northern Mexico:



- Early ULSD service completed in September 2019
- Odem pipeline, Dos Laredos pipeline and Nuevo Laredo terminal expansion on track to be completed in 1Q 2020
- ~28Mbpd new capacity with take-or-pay volumes on seven-year contract term

☆ Valley Pipeline expansion for major customers

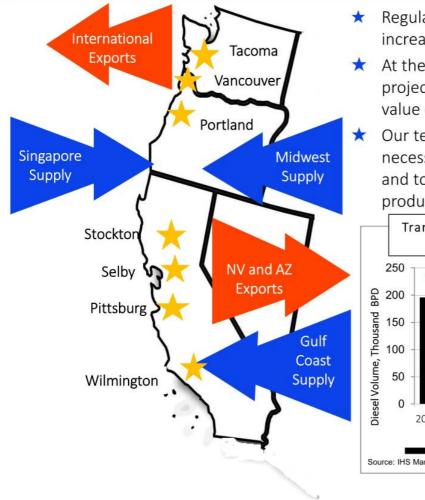
- NuStar's project completed in September 2019
- 45Mbpd new capacity with seven-year contract term
- Open season was fully subscribed



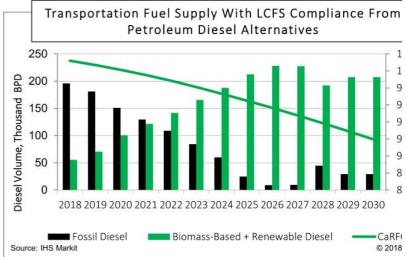
# NuStar West Coast Bio-Fuels RD99 DIESEL 0 1503

#### Aggressive West Coast Carbon Emissions Reduction Goals Continue to Generate Growing Demand and Market Dislocations That Require Midstream Solutions





- ★ Regulatory priorities on the West Coast are dramatic increasing demand for bio-fuels in the region
- ★ At the same time, obtaining permits for greenfield projects in the region is difficult, which increases the value of existing assets
- ★ Our terminal facilities have the access to facilities necessary to receive bio-fuels from outside the region and to provide a base for distribution of bio-fuel products across the West Coast

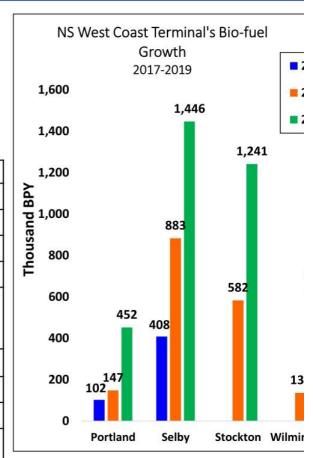


### NuStar is Partnering With Key Customers to Develop Necessary Bio-Fuels Storage at Several of Our West Coast Facilities



★ We have developed and completed a number of bio-fuels projects with our customers on the West Coast that have allowed NuStar to capture market share and build important customer relationships with key global producers

90	pi	Complete
Portland	Convert 36,000 Bbls to biodiesel	<b>✓</b>
Portiana	Convert 57,000 Bbls to renewable diesel	<b>✓</b>
Selby	Construct truck-loading for renewable diesel	✓
	Convert 30,000 Bbls to biodiesel	<b>✓</b>
Stockton	Convert 73,000 Bbls to <b>renewable diesel</b> and expand <b>renewable diesel</b> handling to all 15 rail spots	4Q '20
	Convert 151,000 Bbls to renewable diesel	1Q '21
	Connect to railcar <b>ethanol</b> offload facility	1Q '21
	Convert 160,000 Bbls to renewable diesel	<b>✓</b>
Wilmington	Reconfigure dock for enhanced marine capability	2Q '23



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## At NuStar, We Have Always Believed That Nurturing Our Caring & Sharing Culture is Integral to Building Unitholder Value



★ We recognize that building long-term, steady, solid growth for our unitholders takes <u>more</u> than great capital assets in advantaged locations, financial discipline and strategic planning

★ Our culture also strongly values the other key elements necessary for long-term

growth:

Alignment

Aligning our policies and practices with our unitholders' interests through transparent, responsive governance

Partnership

Partnering with our communities to assure we take an active role in improving and contributing to the towns, counties and states where we live and work

Protection

Protecting our employees through our top-tier safety practices and competitive compensation and benefits and protecting the environment with responsible, conscientious operations and training

## Our Governance is Aligned With Our Unitholders' Interest



**No IDRs** 

**Annual Unitholder Meetings** 

**NS Board of Directors** 

98% Attendance for 2019 Board & Committee Meetings

78% Independent Directors

11% Women

**Audit Committee** 

Nominating,
Governance &
Conflicts Committee

Compensation Committee

**NS Management** 

Majority of Officers' Compensation Tied to Performance and Unit Returns

Sustainability Committee

Governance, Ethics & Compliance Committee

Cyber Risk Governance Committee

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## Protecting Our People and Our Environment Through Safe, Responsible Operations is NuStar's #1 Priority...



- Our safety statistics reflect our commitment to safe, responsible operations
  - In 2019, as in years past, we performed substantially better than our peers
    - ✓ 21.5 times better than the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) comparison data for the Bulk Terminals Industry
    - 4.6 times better than the BLS data for the <u>Pipeline</u> Transportation Industry
- ★ NuStar has received the International Liquids Terminals Association's (ILTA) Safety Excellence Award 10 times
  - ☆ ILTA reviews its members' safety reports filed with OSHA, and recognizes member companies that achieve exemplary safety statistics with an award
- ★ We participate in the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), which promotes effective worksite safety and health
  - Achieving VPP Star Status requires rigorous OSHA review and audit, and Star Status requires renewal every three years
  - \$2 85% of our U.S. terminals are VPP-certified







1 - Industry averages derived from 2011-2018 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Data. 2018 averages carried forward to 2019 for illustration purpos

## ... And We Continue to Prioritize Taking Care of Our Employees and Contributing to Our Communities















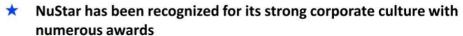












- NuStar has been recognized 11 times in Fortune's Annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list
- NuStar employees contributed 83,000 volunteer hours in 2019 alon
  - NuStar maintains local volunteer councils in each community in which we operate to contribute to the charitable and civic causes unique to that local community
- ★ 100% of our U.S. employees contribute to our United Way campaign and our average per capita contribution is the highest in the nation for a company our size
  - NuStar's total 2019 contribution was \$3.2 million
- ★ Each year since 2007, NuStar's employees have hosted a golf tournament to support Haven for Hope, a transformational campus in San Antonio that addresses homelessness
  - The tournament has generated an aggregate of over \$42 million for Haven for Hope

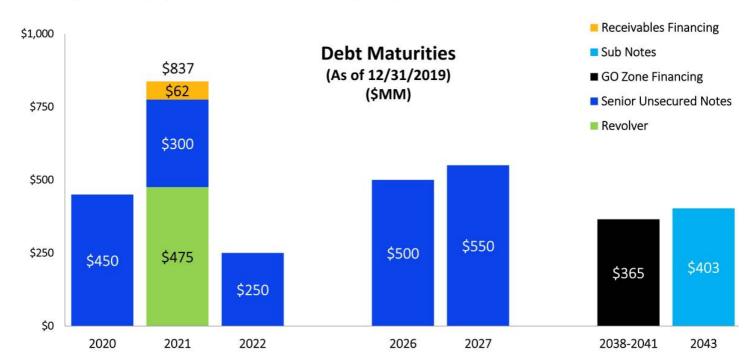
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## **Debt Maturity Schedule**



★ We have applied ~\$500MM proceeds from recent dispositions to our revolver balance, which has allowed us to r leverage and redeploy capital to invest in low-multiple projects



- ★ In May 2019, we issued \$500MM 6.0% senior unsecured notes that mature in June 2026 we used a portion of proceeds to refinance \$350MM 7.65% senior unsecured notes that matured in April 2018
- ★ In September 2019, we extended our revolver maturity date by one year to October 2021

## Capital Structure as of December 31, 2019 (\$ in Millions)



\$1.2B Credit Facility	\$475	Series D Preferred Units	\$58
NuStar Logistics Notes (4.80%)	450	Series A, B and C Preferred Units	\$7!
NuStar Logistics Notes (4.75%)	250	Common Equity and AOCI	<u>1,0;</u>
NuStar Logistics Notes (5.625%)	550	Total Equity <sup>1</sup>	2,3!
NuStar Logistics Notes (6.00%)	500	Total Capitalization	<u>\$5,7!</u>
NuStar Logistics Notes (6.75%)	300		
NuStar Logistics Sub Notes	403		
GO Zone Bonds	365		
Receivables Financing	62		
Finance Lease Liability	60		
Short-term Debt & Other	(18)		
Total Debt	\$3,397		

### ★ As of December 31, 2019:



☆ Debt-to-EBITDA ratio<sup>2</sup> 3.88x

- 1 Total Equity includes Partners' Equity and Mezzanine Equity (Series D Preferred Units)
- 2 Please see Appendix for reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures

### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information



NuStar Energy L.P. utilizes financial measures, such as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), distributable cash flow (DCF) a distribution coverage ratio, which are not defined in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management believes these financial measures provinformation to investors and other external users of our financial information because (i) they provide additional information about the operating performance of partnership's assets and the cash the business is generating, (ii) investors and other external users of our financial statements benefit from having access to the financial measures being utilized by management and our board of directors when making financial, operational, compensation and planning decisions and (iii) highlight the impact of significant transactions. We may also adjust these measures or calculate them based on continuing operations, to enhance the comparate performance across periods.

Our board of directors and management use EBITDA and/or DCF when assessing the following: (i) the performance of our assets, (ii) the viability of potential pr our ability to fund distributions, (iv) our ability to fund capital expenditures and (v) our ability to service debt. In addition, our board of directors uses EBITDA, DC distribution coverage ratio, which is calculated based on DCF, as some of the factors in its compensation determinations. DCF is a widely accepted financial ind by the master limited partnership (MLP) investment community to compare partnership performance. DCF is used by the MLP investment community, in part, be value of a partnership unit is partially based on its yield, and its yield is based on the cash distributions a partnership can pay its unitholders.

None of these financial measures are presented as an alternative to net income, or for any periods presented reflecting discontinued operations, income from coperations. They should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for a measure of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.



The following is the reconciliation for the calculation of our Consolidated Debt Coverage Ratio, as defined in our revolving credit agreement (the Revolving Credit Ag (in thousands of dollars, except ratio data):

		Year Ended D	Decemb	per 31,	Pre	vious Guidance (e)	R	levised Guid	
	3) 3)	2019		2018	Pr	ojected for the Year Er	nded December		
Net (loss) income	\$	(105,693)	\$	205,794	\$	185,000 - 210,000	\$	(137,000 -	
Interest expense, net		183,038		186,237		195,000 - 205,000		182,000	
Income tax expense		4,855		11,408		5,000 - 10,000		2,0	
Depreciation and amortization expense		281,460		297,874		280,000 - 290,000		278,000	
EBITDA		363,660		701,313		665,000 - 715,000	/83	325,000	
Other income (a)		(3,742)		(39,876)		_			
Equity awards (b)		13,753		10,646		5,000 - 10,000		10,00	
Pro forma effect of dispositions (c)		303,922		(20,458)		_		300,000	
Material project adjustments and other items (d)		74,681		14,258		50,000 - 70,000		60,00	
Consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement	\$	752,274	\$	665,883	\$	720,000 - 795,000	\$	695,000	
Total consolidated debt	\$	3,360,640	\$	3,143,240	\$ 3,5	550,000 - 3,850,000	\$3	,250,000 -	
NuStar Logistics' floating rate subordinated notes		(402,500)		(402,500)		(402,500)			
Proceeds held in escrow associated with the Gulf Opportunity Zone Revenue Bonds		(41,476)		(41,476)		(41,500)			
Consolidated Debt, as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement	\$	2,916,664	\$	2,699,264	\$ 3,	106,000 - 3,406,000	\$2	2,806,000 -	
Consolidated Debt Coverage Ratio (Consolidated Debt to Consolidated EBITDA)		3.88x		4.05x		4.3x			

- (a) Other income is excluded for purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement.
- (b) This adjustment represents the non-cash expense related to the vestings of equity-based awards with the issuance of our common units.
- (c) This adjustment represents the pro forma effects of dispositions, as if we had completed the sale of the St. Eustatius operations on January 1, 2019 and of the European operations on January 1, 2018.
- (d) This adjustment represents a percentage of the projected Consolidated EBITDA attributable to any Material Project and other noncash items, as defined Revolving Credit Agreement.
- (e) Previous guidance was provided prior to impairment losses associated with long-lived assets and goodwill at the St. Eustatius terminal. Revised guidance provided in November 2019.



The following is a reconciliation of income from continuing operations to EBITDA from continuing operations, DCF from continuing operations and distribution cove from continuing operations (in thousands of dollars, except ratio data):

		Year Ended [	December 3
		2019	2
Income from continuing operations	\$	206,834	\$
Interest expense, net		183,070	
Income tax expense		4,754	
Depreciation and amortization expense		272,924	
EBITDA from continuing operations		667,582	
Interest expense, net		(183,070)	
Reliability capital expenditures		(43,598)	
Income tax expense		(4,754)	
Long-term incentive equity awards (a)		11,389	
Preferred unit distributions		(121,693)	
Other items	9	19,422	
DCF from continuing operations	\$	345,278	\$
Less DCF from continuing operations available to general partner			
DCF from continuing operations available to common limited partners	\$	345,278	\$
	<u></u>		
Distributions applicable to common limited partners	\$	259,136	\$
Distribution coverage ratio from continuing operations (b)		1.33x	

- (a) We intend to satisfy the vestings of these equity-based awards with the issuance of our common units. As such, the expenses related to these awards considered non-cash and added back to DCF. Certain awards include distribution equivalent rights (DERs). Payments made in connection with DERs a deducted from DCF.
- (b) Distribution coverage ratio is calculated by dividing DCF available to common limited partners by distributions applicable to common limited partners.



The following is a reconciliation of net (loss) income to EBITDA, DCF and distribution coverage ratio; therefore, the reconciling items include activity from continuing discontinued operations on a combined basis (in thousands of dollars, except ratio data):

		Previous Guidance (e)		Revised Guidance (e)	Proje	ected for the
		Projected for the Year Ended December 31, 2019				December 3
Net (loss) income	\$	(143,000 - 118,000)	\$	(137,000 - 107,000)	\$	233,00
Interest expense, net		195,000 - 205,000		182,000 - 188,000		190,00
Income tax expense		5,000 - 10,000		2,000 - 6,000		2,
Depreciation and amortization expense	-	280,000 - 290,000		278,000 - 283,000		290,00
EBITDA	-	337,000 - 387,000		325,000 - 370,000		715,00
Interest expense, net		(195,000) - (205,000)		(182,000 - 188,000)		(190,000
Reliability capital expenditures		(70,000) - (90,000)		(65,000 - 75,000)		(40,00
Income tax expense		(5,000) - (10,000)		(2,000 - 6,000)		(2,0
Long-term incentive equity awards (a)		5,000 - 10,000		5,000 - 15,000		5,0
Preferred unit distributions		(120,000) - (125,000)		(120,000 - 125,000)		(120,000
Insurance gain adjustment (b)		25,000 - 35,000		18,000		
Impairment losses and loss on sale (c)		328,000		340,000 - 345,000		
Other items		_		10,000 - 15,000		10,0
DCF available to common limited partners	\$	305,000 - 330,000	\$	329,000 - 369,000	\$	378,00
Distributions applicable to common limited partners	\$	255,000 - 260,000	\$	255,000 - 260,000	\$	260,00
Distribution coverage ratio (d)		1.2x - 1.3x		1.3x - 1.4x		

- (a) We intend to satisfy the vestings of these equity-based awards with the issuance of our common units. As such, the expenses related to these awards a considered non-cash and added back to DCF. Certain awards include distribution equivalent rights (DERs). Payments made in connection with DERs are deducted from DCF.
- (b) Each quarter we add an amount to DCF to offset the amount of reliability capital expenditures incurred related to hurricane damage at the St. Eustatius t
- (c) Represents non-cash impairment losses associated with long-lived assets and goodwill at the St. Eustatius terminal, as well as the loss on the sale of th Eustatius terminal in the third quarter of 2019.
- (d) Distribution coverage ratio is calculated by dividing DCF available to common limited partners by distributions applicable to common limited partners.
- (e) Previous guidance was provided in May 2019 and revised guidance was provided in November 2019.



The following is a reconciliation of operating income to EBITDA for the East Pipeline System (in thousands of dollars):

	Year Ended December 31,								_							
		2009		2010		2011		2012	2013	2014		2015	2016	2017	2018	
Operating income	\$	28,367	\$	30,886	\$	31,399	\$	29,286	\$ 36,684	\$ 40,439	\$	38,418	\$ 44,797	\$ 50,323	\$ 56,588	\$
Plus depreciation and amortization expense		16,491		17,085		17,368		17,701	18,030	 18,765	-	19,047	20,135	21,008	22,308	
EBITDA	\$	44,858	\$	47,971	\$	48,767	\$	46,987	\$ 54,714	\$ 59,204	\$	57,465	\$ 64,932	\$ 71,331	\$ 78,896	\$

The following is a reconciliation of operating (loss) income to EBITDA for the Permian Crude System (in thousands of dollars):

		Three Months Ended							-												
	J	une 30, 2017	S	ept. 30, 2017	C	Dec. 31, 2017		Mar. 31, 2018	J	June 30, 2018	S	Sept. 30, 2018	ı	Dec. 31, 2018	_ '	Mar. 31, 2019	J	une 30, 2019	S	ept. 30, 2019	
Operating (loss) income	\$	(3,424)	\$	1,050	\$	650	\$	(1,847)	\$	3,605	\$	11,546	\$	10,878	\$	5,358	\$	13,543	\$	17,280	\$
Plus depreciation and amortization expense		10,227		11,005	0	13,165		13,477		15,059	100	15,235	ides.	16,589		17,647		17,182	úr.	18,114	100
EBITDA	\$	6,803	\$	12,055	\$	13,815	\$	11,630	\$	18,664	\$	26,781	\$	27,467	\$	23,005	\$	30,725	\$	35,394	\$

The following is a reconciliation of operating income to EBITDA for our butane blending operations (in thousands of dollars):

Year Ended December 31, 201						
\$	13,658					
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\$	13,658					