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FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2009

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 0-23530

TRANS ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

93-0997412

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

210 Second Street, P.O. Box 393, St. Marys, West Virginia 26170

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone no., including area code: (304) 684-7053

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 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 is a large accelerated filer, and accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer" and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ( ) Non-accelerated filer ( ) Accelerated filer ( ) Smaller reporting company (X)

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

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date.

Class Common Stock, \$0.001 par value Outstanding as of May 13, 2009 10,677,815

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## PART I

#### **Item 1. Financial Statements**

# TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

March 31,	December 31,
2009	2008

# ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,262,197	\$ 1,806,008
Accounts receivable	2,290,014	769,430
Accounts receivable – related parties	32,830	1,233,536
Accounts receivable due from non-operator, net	2,005,415	1,352,681
Note receivable, current	299,664	138,545
Deferred financing costs	167,429	167,429
Derivative – current	551,736	513,724
Prepaid expenses	25,000	-
Total Current Assets	6,634,285	5,981,353
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation		
of \$349,153 and \$311,769, respectively	1,189,447	1,094,970
OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, USING SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS ACCOUNTING		
Proved properties	23,234,658	19,799,868
Unproved properties	1,106,001	627,853
Pipelines	4,650,630	4,729,274
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(3,086,572)	(2,711,689)
Oil and gas properties, net	25,904,717	22,445,306
OTHER ASSETS		
Deferred financing costs, net of amortization of \$358,730 and \$304,399, respectively	103,155	157,386
Note receivable – non-current	289,950	163,735
Derivative – non-current	611,928	703,435
Advances to operator	9,000	9,000
Other assets	52,098	52,098

Total Other Assets	1,066,131	1,085,654
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 34,794,580	\$ 30,607,283

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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### TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued) (Unaudited)

	March 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 4,937,889	\$ 2,360,076
Accounts payable – related party Accrued expenses	2,150 718,064	2,150 762,978
Notes payable – current	90,041	762,978 86,714
Notes payable – current	90,041	80,714
Total Current Liabilities	5,748,144	3,211,918
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Notes payable, net of unamortized discount of \$388,472 and \$467,932,		
respectively	29,656,400	27,588,599
Asset retirement obligations	178,954	178,954
Total Long-Term Liabilities	29,835,354	27,767,553
Total Liabilities	35,583,498	30,979,471
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	-	-
STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Preferred stock; 10,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.001 par value;		
-0- shares issued and outstanding Common stock; 500,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.001 par value;	-	-
10,677,815 and 10,559,065 shares issued, respectively, and 10,676,815		
and 10,524,815 shares outstanding, respectively	10,678	10,559
Additional paid-in capital	35,368,925	35,131,058
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,000 shares	(750)	(750)
Accumulated deficit	(36,167,771)	(35,513,055)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(788,918)	(372,188)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT	\$ 34,794,580	\$ 30,607,283

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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### TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

		For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2009	2008
REVENUES	5	\$ 1,532,261	\$ 427,646
COSTS AN	D EXPENSES		
	Production costs	524,786	257,064
	Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	413,644	151,864
	Selling, general and administrative	620,396	694,574
	Loss on sale of assets	500	1,286
	Total Costs and Expenses	1,559,326	1,104,788
LOSS FROM	M OPERATIONS	(27,065)	(677,142)
OTHER INC	COME (EXPENSES)		
	Interest income	4,174	7,391
	Interest expense	(736,628)	(476,193)
	Gain (loss) on derivative instruments	104,803	(67,765)
	Total Other Expenses	(627,651)	(536,567)
NET LOSS	BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(654,716)	(1,213,709)
INCOME T	AXES	-	-
NET LOSS		\$ (654,716)	\$ (1,213,709)
LOSS PER	SHARE - BASIC AND DILUTED	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.12)
	D DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING	10,560,982	10,042,592

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Deficit For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 (Unaudited)

	••••••		Additional				
	Shares	Amount	Paid in Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Deficit	Total	
Balance, December 31, 2008	10,559,065	\$ 10,559	\$ 35,131,058	\$ (750)	\$ (35,513,055)	\$ (372,188)	
Shares issued for services	118,750	119	237,867	-	-	237,986	
Net loss	-	-	-	-	(654,716)	(654,716)	
Balance, March 31, 2009	10,677,815	\$ 10,678	\$ 35,368,925	\$ (750)	\$ (36,167,771)	\$ (788,918)	

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows** 

(Unaudited)

(Unaudited)		
	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (654,716)	\$ (1,213,709)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss		
to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion	413,644	151,864
Amortization of financing cost and debt discount	133,691	122,079
Share-based compensation	237,986	265,486
Loss on sale of assets	500	1,286
(Gain) loss on derivative contract	(104,803)	67,765
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(1,520,584)	2,264
Accounts receivable – related parties	1,200,706	(106,785)
Accounts receivable - non-operator, net	(652,734)	-
Advances to operator, net	-	(103,330)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(25,000)	8,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(851,692)	(1,189,291)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses – related party	-	(5,772)
Net cash used by operating activities	(1,823,002)	(2,000,143)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment in note receivable	(311,440)	-
Proceeds from payments on note receivable	24,106	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	2,000	5,000
Expenditures for oil and gas properties	(449,702)	(2,500,592)
Expenditures for property and equipment	(135,739)	(49,850)
Net cash used by investing activities	(870,775)	(2,545,442)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from derivative contracts	158,298	-
Proceeds from notes payable, net of financing costs and cash		
discount of \$388,472 and \$0, respectively	2,014,586	3,286,852
Payments on notes payable	(22,918)	(21,717)
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,149,966	3,265,135
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(543,811)	(1,280,450)
CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,806,008	1,702,373
CASH, END OF PERIOD	\$ 1,262,197	\$ 421,923
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES FOR CASH FLOW INFORMATION:	¢ 550 (())	¢ 100 740
Cash paid for interest	\$ 550,668	\$ 122,749
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ -	\$ -

Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Accrued expenditures for oil and gas properties	\$ 3,384,591	\$ 1,207,638
Increase in asset retirement obligation	\$ -	\$ 20,993
Common shares issued for stock compensation payable	\$ -	\$ 516,600

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

#### TRANS ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

#### NOTE 1 – BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by Trans Energy, Inc. pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted in accordance with such rules and regulations. The information furnished in the interim consolidated financial statements includes normal recurring adjustments and reflects all adjustments, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements. Although management believes the disclosures and information presented are adequate to make the information not misleading, it is suggested that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with Trans Energy's most recent audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in its December 31, 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Operating results for the three months ended

March 31, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Certain reclassifications have been made to amounts in prior periods to conform to the current period presentation.

#### **Notes Receivables**

Notes receivable are carried at the expected net realizable value. Impairment of notes receivable is based on management's continued assessment of the collectability of debtors.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash, cash equivalents and any marketable securities. The Company had cash deposits of approximately \$517,430 in excess of FDIC insured limits at the period end. The Company has not experienced any losses on its deposits of cash and cash equivalents.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Effective January 1, 2008, Trans Energy adopted SFAS 157 for financial assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements by establishing a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157 are described below:

Basis of Fair Value Measurement

- Level 1 Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 Inputs reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or the liability; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs reflecting Trans Energy's own assumptions incorporated in valuation techniques used to determine fair value. These assumptions are required to be consistent with market participant assumptions that are reasonably available.

Trans Energy believes that the fair value of its financial instruments comprising cash, certificates of deposit, accounts receivable, notes receivable, and notes payable approximate their carrying amounts. The interest rates payable by Trans Energy on its notes payable approximate market rates. The fair values of Trans Energy's Level 1 financial assets, primarily consisting of derivative assets, are based on quoted commodity prices of the underlying commodity. As of March 31, 2009, Trans Energy did not have any significant Level 2 or 3 financial assets or liabilities. The following table provides fair value measurement information for Trans Energy's derivative assets:

	As of March 31, 2	2009			
			Fair Value Measurements Using:		
			Significant		
			<b>Quoted Prices</b>	Other	Significant
			in Active	Observable	Unobservable
	Carrying	Total	Markets	Inputs	Inputs
	Amount	Fair Value	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Financial Assets:			()	()	()
Derivative assets	\$1,163,664	\$1,163,664	\$1,163,664	\$-	\$-

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities-an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ("SFAS No. 161"). SFAS No. 161 requires enhanced disclosure related to derivatives and hedging activities and thereby seeks to improve the transparency of financial reporting. Under SFAS No. 161, entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures relating to: (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments; (b) how derivative instruments and related hedge items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 133"), and its related interpretations; and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 must be applied prospectively to all derivative instruments and non-derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments and related hedged items accounted for under SFAS No. 133 for all financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application permitted. Trans Energy adopted SFAS No. 161 on January 1, 2009 and it has reflected the impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Trans Energy does not expect the adoption of any other recently issued accounting pronouncements to have a significant effect on its financial position or results of operations.

#### NOTE 2 – GOING CONCERN

Trans Energy's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and liquidation of liabilities in the normal course of business. Trans Energy has incurred cumulative operating losses through March 31, 2009 of \$36,167,771 and had a stockholders' deficit of \$788,918 at March 31, 2009. Revenues during the quarter ended March 31, 2009 were not sufficient to cover its operating costs. We expect positive operating cash flow from existing wells and drilling will allow us to continue as a going concern. There can be no assurance that Trans Energy can or will be able to complete any debt or equity financing that might be needed to fund operations in the future. Trans Energy's consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

#### NOTE 3 - NOTE RECEIVABLE

Trans Energy holds a promissory note agreement with Warren Drilling Co., Inc., an Ohio Corporation. The purpose of the promissory note was to fund certain drilling equipment necessary to equip the rig for horizontal drilling. An initial advance in the amount of \$302,280 was made on December 22, 2008, with a second advance in the amount of \$311,440 made on February 4, 2009. The note bears interest in the amount of 6.5% per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$27,443 for 24 months. As of March 31, 2009, the outstanding balance was \$589,614, of which \$299,664 was classified as current. The note is secured by equipment of Warren Drilling, Co., for which an executed security agreement was filed with the promissory note. Trans Energy has evaluated their relationship with Warren Drilling, pursuant to FIN 46(R) *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*, and has determined that Trans Energy does not have a controlling financial interest in Warren Drilling which would require consolidation.

#### NOTE 4 - OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, Trans Energy drilled the Hart 28H, a horizontal joint venture well with Republic Partners in Wetzel County, West Virginia to an approximate total vertical depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale.. Republic Partners elected to obtain a 50% paid working interest in this well as permitted by the terms of the joint venture contract. Trans Energy also completed the Blackshere 101 in Marion County, West Virginia to an approximate total depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we drilled thirteen new wells in Wetzel and Marion Counties, West Virginia to various formations, including the Gordon, Bayard and Fourth Sand, of which we own a 100% working interest in each well. Trans Energy also completed the drilling of its second joint venture well with Republic Partners in Wetzel County, West Virginia to an approximate total depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale. Republic Partners elected to obtain a 50% paid working interest in this well as permitted by the terms in the joint venture contract.

Total expenditures and accruals for oil and gas properties during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008 were \$3,834,293 and \$3,708, 230, respectively. Trans Energy also incurred \$135,739 and \$49,850, respectively, for additional property, plant and equipment.

Depreciation, depletion, and amortization expenses on oil and gas properties were \$374,882 and \$98,624 for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### NOTE 5 - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Trans Energy entered into derivative commodity price contracts to provide a measure of stability in the cash flows associated with Trans Energy's oil and gas production and to manage exposure to commodity price

fluctuations. None of the derivative contracts Trans Energy entered into have been designated as cash flow or fair value hedges.

On July 13, 2007, as required by the CIT Creditor Agreement, Trans Energy purchased a commodity put option on natural gas. In addition, on May 22, 2008, Trans Energy entered into a participating commodity put and call option on oil as a costless collar.

#### Natural Gas Derivatives

Trans Energy entered into participating commodity put options on natural gas whereby Trans Energy receives a floor price. The natural gas commodity put options are indexed to NYMEX Henry Hub prices. The following table shows the monthly volumes and the floor price.

			Average
Start	End	Volume	Floor
Month	<u>Month</u>	MMBTU/Month	<u>\$/MMBTU</u>
Jul. '07	Dec. '07	8,241	\$ 7.350
Jan. '08	Dec. '08	6,915	\$ 7.350
Jan. '09	Dec. '09	6,370	\$ 7.350
Jan. '10	Dec. '10	5,560	\$ 7.350
Jan. '11	Dec. '11	5,244	\$ 7.350

As of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 the natural gas derivative had a total fair value of \$418,145 and \$285,019, respectively. Of which the current portions consisted of \$225,603 and \$126,006, respectively.

#### **Oil Derivatives**

Trans Energy entered into participating commodity put and call options on crude oil as a costless collar. The oil costless collar is indexed to NYMEX WTI Oil prices. The following table shows the monthly volumes, the floor and ceiling prices.

Start	End	Volume	Floor	Ceiling
<u>Month</u>	<u>Month</u>	BBL/Month	<u>\$/BBL</u>	<u>\$/BBL</u>
Jun. '08	Dec. '08	705	\$100	\$172
Jan. '09	Dec. '09	585	\$100	\$172
Jan. '10	Dec. '10	488	\$100	\$172
Jan. '11	Dec. '11	449	\$100	\$172

As of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 the oil derivative had a fair value of \$745,519 and \$932,140, respectively. Of which the current portions consisted of \$326,133 and \$387,719, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2009, Trans Energy had total gains on the derivative contracts of \$104,803, of which \$158,298 was a realized gain and \$53,495 was an unrealized loss. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, Trans Energy had a total loss on the derivative contracts of \$67,765, of which all was unrealized.

#### NOTE 6 - NOTES PAYABLE

On June 22, 2007, Trans Energy finalized a financing agreement with CIT Capital USA Inc. Under the terms of the agreement, CIT would lend up to \$18,000,000 to Trans Energy in the form of a senior secured revolving credit facility with the ability to increase the credit facility to \$30,000,000 with increased oil and gas reserves. During the quarter ended September 30, 2008, CIT increased the credit facility to \$30,000,000 due to increased reserves.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, Trans Energy borrowed \$3,286,852 from CIT. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, Trans Energy borrowed \$2,000,000 from CIT which increased the total outstanding credit balance to \$30,000,000, leaving no available credit facility. The weighted average interest rate on this credit facility on March 31, 2009 was 6.05%. Interest payment due dates are elected at the time of borrowing and range from monthly to six months. Principal payments are due at

maturity on June 15, 2010 for all borrowings outstanding on that date. Trans Energy shall have the right at any time to prepay any borrowing in whole or in part, before the date of maturity.

On May 15, 2009, the CIT Capital debt agreement dated June 15, 2007 was again amended to provide Trans Energy additional time, for March 31, 2009, to meet various covenants. Trans Energy incurred \$75,000 in fees related to this amendment. The \$75,000 was accrued as payable and recorded as interest expense during the quarter.

For the three months ended March 31, 2009, Trans Energy received other loan proceeds of \$14,586 for the purchase of property and equipment. The loan has an interest rate of 7.25% and matures on

January 10, 2011.

#### NOTE 7 – EQUITY

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, Trans Energy issued 630,000 shares of common stock as settlement of the December 31, 2007 stock compensation payable of \$516,600 related to the 2007 Long-Term Incentive and Bonus Program.

On January 1, 2008, Trans Energy granted 250,000 common shares to one officer under the terms of his employment agreement. The 250,000 shares vested immediately and were valued at \$200,000 using the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant. The \$200,000 was recorded as share-based compensation expense during the three months ended March 31, 2008.

On January 1, 2008, Trans Energy granted 450,000 common stock options to an officer and an employee as part of their two year employment agreements. The options are being amortized to share-based compensation expense quarterly over the vesting period, for which \$39,486 of share-based compensation expense was recorded during both of the three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. As of March 31, 2009, \$118,457 of share-based compensation expense relating to these options remained to be amortized in future periods.

On January 1, 2008, Trans Energy granted 260,000 shares of common stock to three employees under employment agreements. These shares were valued at \$208,000 using the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant and are being amortized to compensation expense quarterly over two years. Share-based compensation relating to these shares totaled \$26,000 for both three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. As of March 31, 2009, \$78,000 of share-based compensation expense relating to these shares remained to be amortized in future periods.

On January 1, 2009, Trans Energy granted 345,000 shares of common stock to four employees under employment agreements. The 345,000 shares are not performance based and vest quarterly over one year, subject to ongoing employment. These shares were valued at \$690,000 using the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant and are amortized to compensation expense quarterly over one year.

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, we recorded \$172,500 of share-based compensation related to these shares. As of March 31, 2009, \$517,500 of share-based compensation expense relating to these shares remained to be amortized in future periods

As a result of the above stock and option transactions, Trans Energy recorded total share-based compensation of \$237,986 and \$265,486 for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### NOTE 8 – BUSINESS SEGMENTS

Trans Energy's principal operations consist of oil and gas sales with Trans Energy and Prima Oil Company, and pipeline transmission with Ritchie County Gathering Systems and Tyler Construction Company.

Certain financial information concerning Trans Energy's operations in different segments is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		Pipeline		
	<u>March 31.</u>	Oil and Gas Sales	<u>Transmission</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue	2009	\$ 1,367,181	\$ 164,051	\$ 1,029	\$ 1,532,261
	2008	319,504	103,487	4,655	427,646
Income (loss) from	2009	665,330	(73,029)	(619,367)	(27,065)
operations	2008	46,665	(53,485)	(670,322)	(677,142)
Interest expense	2009	736,628			736,628
	2008	476,193			476,193
Depreciation, depletion,	2009	374,369	39,275		413,644
amortization and accretion	2008	133,504	18,360		151,864
Property and equipment	2009	3,891,388	(78,644)		3,970,032
acquisitions, including oil and gas properties	2008	3,322,162	435,918		3,758,080
Total assets, net of intercompany acc	counts:				
March 31, 2009		\$ 30,197,459	\$ 4,597,121	\$	\$ 34,794,580
December 31, 2008		\$ 25,883,993	\$ 4,723,290	\$	\$ 30,607,283

Property and equipment acquisitions includes accrued amounts and reclassifications.

Trans Energy has various agreements with Dominion Field Services, Inc. for fixed prices for gas transported through its pipeline. The monthly volumes range from 10,000 decatherm ("Dth") per month to 30,000 Dth per month, and fixed prices vary from \$11.36/Dth to \$12.52/Dth through April 2012. A decatherm is equal to one MBTU.

### NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 8, 2009, Trans Energy granted 375,000 options to officers and directors. The options vest quarterly over a one year period and have an exercise term of 5 years with an exercise price of \$0.98 per share of common stock.

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#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Three months ended March 31, 2009 compared to March 31, 2008

The following table sets forth the percentage relationship to total revenues of principal items contained in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. It should be noted that percentages discussed throughout this analysis are stated on an approximate basis.

		Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2008	
Total revenues	100%	100%	
Total costs and expenses	(102%)	(258%)	
Loss from operations	(2%)	(158%)	
Other expense	(41%)	(126%)	
Net loss	(43%)	(284%)	

Total revenues of \$1,532,261 for the three months ended March 31, 2009 increased \$1,104,615 or 259% compared to \$427,646 for the three months ended March 31, 2008, primarily due to new drilling and increased production from the efforts of the workover program. We focused our efforts during the first quarter of 2009 on the implementation of our Marcellus Shale horizontal drilling program in Wetzel County, West Virginia. We expect production increases from the drilling program throughout 2009.

Production costs increased \$267,722 or 104% in the three months ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the same period for 2008, primarily due to expenses associated with our increase in field production.

Depreciation, depletion, amortization and accretion expense increased \$261,780 or 172% in the three months ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the same period for 2008, due to the increase in production as a result of additions of oil and gas properties.

Interest expense increased \$260,435 or 55% in the three months ended March 31, 2009 as compared to the same period for 2008, primarily due to increased borrowings for our drilling program and the \$75,000 cost paid for a waiver.

Our net loss for the first quarter of 2009 was \$654,716 compared to net loss of \$1,213,709 for the first quarter of 2008. This decrease in net loss is primarily due to an increase in production during the first quarter of 2009 as compared to 2008.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historically, we have satisfied our working capital needs with operating revenues and from borrowed funds. At March 31, 2009, we had a working capital surplus of \$886,141 compared to a surplus of \$2,769,435 at December 31, 2008. This decrease in working capital is primarily attributed to the increase in accounts payable related to drilling activities and offset by additional borrowing from our CIT credit facility.

During the first three months of 2009, net cash used by operating activities was \$1,823,002 compared to net cash used of \$2,000,143 for the same period of 2008. This increase in cash flow from operating activities is primarily due to the decrease in our net loss as a result of our increased revenues from drilling activities.

We expect our cash flow provided by operations for 2009 to increase because of higher projected production from the drilling program, workovers and acquisitions and steady operating, general and administrative, interest and financing costs.

Excluding the effects of significant unforeseen expenses or other income, our cash flow from operations fluctuates primarily because of variations in oil and gas production and prices (subject to commodity price contracts), or changes in working capital accounts and actual well performance. In addition, our oil and gas production may be curtailed due to factors beyond our control, such as downstream activities on major pipelines causing us to shut-in production for various lengths of time.

During the first three months of 2009, net cash used by investing activities was \$870,775 compared to net cash used of \$2,545,442 in 2008. We used \$449,702 for the purchase of oil and gas properties and \$135,739 to purchase property and equipment for the three month period ended March 31, 2009 compared to \$2,500,592 for the purchase of oil and gas properties and \$49,850 to purchase property and equipment for the three month period ended March 31, 2008.

During the first three months of 2009, net cash provided by financing activities was \$2,149,966 compared to \$3,265,135 in the same period of 2008. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, we borrowed \$2,014,586, net of financing costs and cash discount, and repaid \$22,918 in notes payable.

We anticipate meeting our working capital needs with revenues from our ongoing operations, particularly from our wells in Wetzel, Marion and Doddridge Counties, West Virginia and new transportation of gas for third parties on our 6-inch pipeline located in West Virginia. In the event revenues are not sufficient to meet our working capital needs, we will explore the possibility of additional funding from either the sale of debt or equity securities or through an increase in the available credit facility with CIT Capital. There can be no assurance such funding will be available to us or, if available, it will be on acceptable or favorable terms.

Because of our continued losses, limited working capital, and need for additional funding, there is substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Historically, our revenues have not been sufficient to cover operating costs. We will need to rely on increased operating revenues from new development or proceeds from debt or equity financings to allow us to continue as a going concern. There can be no assurance that we can or will be able to complete any debt or equity financing.

Inflation

In the opinion of our management, inflation has not had a material overall effect on our operations.

#### **Recent Events**

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, Trans Energy drilled the Hart 28H, a horizontal joint venture well with Republic Partners in Wetzel County, West Virginia to an approximate total vertical depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale.. Republic

Partners elected to obtain a 50% paid working interest in this well as permitted by the terms of the joint venture contract. Trans Energy also completed the Blackshere 101 in Marion County, West Virginia to an approximate total depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we drilled thirteen new wells in Wetzel and Marion Counties, West Virginia to various formations, including the Gordon, Bayard and Fourth Sand, of which we own a 100% working interest in each well. Trans Energy also completed the drilling of its second joint venture well with Republic Partners in Wetzel County, West Virginia to an approximate total depth of 7,500 feet, with the primary target being the Marcellus Shale. Republic Partners elected to obtain a 50% paid working interest in this well as permitted by the terms in the joint venture contract.

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#### Forward-looking and Cautionary Statements

This report includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements may relate to such matters as anticipated financial performance, future revenues or earnings, business prospects, projected ventures, new products and services, anticipated market performance and similar matters. When used in this report, the words "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "continue," "estimate," "project," "intend," and similar expressions are intended identify forward-looking statements regarding events, conditions, and financial trends that may affect our future plans of operations, business strategy, operating results, and our future plans of operations, business strategy, operating results, and financial readers that a variety of factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other matters expressed in forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, include:

- the sufficiency of existing capital resources and our ability to raise additional capital to fund cash requirements for future operations;
- uncertainties involved in the rate of growth of our business and acceptance of any products or services;
- success of our drilling activities;
- volatility of the stock market, particularly within the energy sector; and
- general economic conditions.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, such expectations cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Trans Energy is exposed to market risk, including adverse changes in commodity prices. Trans Energy produces and sells natural gas and crude oil. As a result, Trans Energy's financial results can be significantly affected if these commodity prices fluctuate widely in response to changing market forces.

Trans Energy uses derivative contracts to minimize the risk of commodity prices. These contracts are entered into with a major financial institution.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to be effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In designing and evaluating disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute assurance of achieving the desired objectives. Also, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent

limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. The design of any system of controls is based, in part, upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our chief executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to cause the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods prescribed by SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### PART II

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We may be engaged in various other lawsuits and claims, either as plaintiff or defendant, in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, based upon advice of counsel, the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

#### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of our securities holders during the first three months ended March 31, 2009.

### Item 5. Other Information

# Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1	Certification of C.E.O. Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 32.1	Certification of C.E.O. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

#### SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TRANS ENERGY, INC.

Date: May 18, 2009

By <u>/S/ JAMES K. ABCOUWER</u> JAMES K. ABCOUWER Chief Executive Officer and Director

Date: May 18, 2009

By <u>/S/ LISA A. CORBITT</u> LISA A. CORBITT Chief Financial Officer

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