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**Midstream View on Rail** 

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### **ARB Midstream Overview**

- Growth oriented, infrastructure development company focused on early stage, organic development projects
- Provide marketing and logistics services to producers and refiners
- Quantitative analytics drive development strategy
- Current Projects
  - DJ Basin Energy Hub: Niobrara Connector ("NiCon")
  - Midland Basin (Big Spring) Energy Hub: Gateway Project











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  - Flips from "producer push" to a "refiner pull"
- Compression of diffs is changing CBR movement patterns
- Rail and Pipe netbacks trending to parity
- Quality deducts, pipe specs drive value of segregation
- Pipe commitments have a 10x capital need from producers compared to rail

## Uncertainty

What is production going to do? It depends on flat price, reduced drilling costs, improved break evens, drilled – uncompleted wells, drilling efficiencies, contracts, crude quality, CapEx, OPEC, etc., etc., etc.,

### What will production do?



- Upside
  - High grading
  - Increased drilling efficiencies
  - Improving Breakevens
  - Decreased completion costs
    - Rig rates have fallen 20-30%
  - Improving price
    - WTI has closed above \$50 since Feb 3
  - Producers bringing rigs back
  - Drilled Uncompleted (DUCs)

- Downside
  - Flat price downside
  - Declining rig count
  - Drilled Uncompleted (DUCs)
  - OPEC production
  - Iran deal
  - Iraq increasing exports

#### Williston Basin: Crude oil production forecast swings by 500,000 b/d over next 5 years depending on model assumptions





## Uncertainty in production is the difference in some pipes not being full





#### Pipelines out of the Williston have not been full. The "stacked S/D chart" is overly simply.

Production & Takeaway Capacity (b/d)



Pipe Volumes ––•Pipeline Capacity

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DJ Basin: Crude oil production forecast swings by 180,000 b/d over next 5 years depending on model assumptions





Source: HPDI, ARB Midstream, Company Presentations

#### That production swing has huge impact on utilization of infrastructure





### Differentials

#### Differentials are an incentive, and a risk, for CBR



Diffs in 2015YTD have come in drastically for WCS and Bakken, but have increased to the East and West Coasts over 2014





# Rockies (P4) has ~ half of the loading capacity as Williston (P2).





#### Volumes railed from PADD 4 to PADD 3 now exceed volumes from PADD 2 (Williston) to PADD 3 MIDSTREAM



# Rail can compete with pipeline econs





#### Rail to West Coast can provide higher netbacks that pipe to Cushing, but diffs are converging



Source: Argus, ARB Midstream



Forward Curve for ANS-WTI suggests \$3.56/bbl, which is nearly parity between rail and pipe





Source: Argus

## Quality

#### Rail enables refiners to pull the barrels they want



# Most of DJ Production growth is API>40





# Pipeline specs leave barrels in the market





### Quality Matters: Deduct from posted price -\$5 for 60 degree API in Cush





## **Capital Requirement**

Producers are in capital conservation mode, and are less eager to make long term commitments



### Pipe vs. Rail



#### • Rail

- Lower capital cost
- Fast to market (Site permitting, construction much faster)
- Scalable
- Neat barrel
- Shorter contracts (2-3 year commitments vs. 10 years for pipeline)
- Faster transit times which reduces inventory risk
- Access to coastal areas not connected via pipe
- O/D flexibility
- Can capitalize on arbitrage
- Longer-term opportunities
  - Future exports of crude
- Public perception & Safety concerns

#### • Pipeline

- Longer lead time
- Higher capital cost
- Lower variable costs

# Pipe vs. Rail – Producers have to commit 10X Capital for Pipe





Producer Commitment: Rail: \$29,200,000 Pipe: \$292,000,000 Cost of Fill: 13,540,000 Assumptions: Pipeline Capacity: 100,000 b/d Pipeline Length: 550 miles Pipeline Diameter: 20"

Producer Throughput: 20,000 b/d

Oil Price: \$60/bbl

Rail: 2 Years Pipe: 10 Years

Rail: \$2/bbl Pipe: \$4/bbl



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