



Amerada Hess Reports Estimated Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2005

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 25, 2006--Amerada Hess Corporation (NYSE: AHC) reported net income of \$452 million for the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with net income of \$229 million for the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year, net income was \$1,242 million compared with \$977 million in 2004. See the following page for a table of items affecting the comparability of earnings between periods. The after-tax results by major operating activity in 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2005*	2004*	2005*	2004
(In millions, except per share amounts)				
Exploration and Production	\$298	\$211	\$1,058	\$755
Marketing and Refining	229	93	515	451
Corporate	(41)	(36)	(191)	(85)
Interest expense	(34)	(39)	(140)	(151)
Net income from continuing operations	\$452	\$229	\$1,242	\$970
Discontinued operations	-	-	-	7
Net income	\$452	\$229	\$1,242	\$977
Net income per share (diluted)	\$4.31	\$2.22	\$11.94	\$9.57
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)	104.8	103.0	104.0	102.1

* Unaudited

Exploration and Production earnings were \$298 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$211 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. The Corporation's oil and gas production, on a barrel-of-oil equivalent basis, was 316,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with 346,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2004. Hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico reduced fourth quarter 2005 production by approximately 19,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. The remainder of the production decrease is primarily due to increased maintenance activity in the North Sea.

In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$34.09 per barrel, an increase of \$6.78 per barrel from the fourth quarter of 2004. The Corporation's average United States natural gas selling price was \$11.75 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of \$5.92 per Mcf from the fourth quarter of 2004.

Marketing and Refining earnings were \$229 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$93 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. Refining earnings were \$83 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$36 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. The increased Refining earnings reflect higher refined product margins. Marketing operations generated earnings of \$131 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with \$64 million in the same period of 2004, principally reflecting higher margins on refined product sales, increased sales volumes and income of \$25 million (\$40 million before income taxes) from the partial liquidation of prior year LIFO inventories.

The following items, on an after-tax basis, are included in net income in the fourth quarter and full year of 2005 and 2004 (in millions):

	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2005	2004	2005	2004

Exploration and Production				
Hurricane related costs	\$(12)	\$-	\$(26)	\$-
Gains from asset sales	30	21	41	54
Income tax adjustments	-	19	11	19
Legal settlement	-	-	11	-
Accrued severance and office costs	-	-	-	(9)
Marketing and Refining				
LIFO inventory liquidation	25	12	32	12
Charge related to customer bankruptcy	(8)	-	(8)	-
Corporate				
Premiums on bond repurchases	(19)	-	(26)	-
Tax on repatriated earnings	-	-	(72)	-
Income tax adjustments	-	-	-	13
Insurance accrual	-	(13)	-	(13)
	\$16	\$39	\$(37)	\$76

The fourth quarter 2005 asset sales represent the disposal of several non-producing properties in the United Kingdom. Marketing and Refining results in the fourth quarter of 2005 include income from the partial liquidation of prior year LIFO inventories and a charge resulting from the bankruptcy of a customer in the utility industry. In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Corporation repurchased \$497 million of bonds with maturities from 2006 to 2009 at a premium of \$29 million, before income taxes.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,840 million in 2005 compared with \$1,903 million in 2004. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2005 amounted to \$2,490 million of which \$2,384 million related to exploration and production activities. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2004 amounted to \$1,650 million, including \$1,563 million for exploration and production.

At December 31, 2005, cash and short-term investments totaled \$325 million compared with \$877 million at December 31, 2004. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at December 31, 2005 was 37.6% compared with 40.7% at the end of 2004. Total debt was \$3,785 million at December 31, 2005 and \$3,835 million at December 31, 2004.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS)

	Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2004	Third Quarter 2005
Income Statement			
Revenues and Non-operating Income			
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 7,059	\$ 4,612	\$ 5,769
Non-operating income			
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.	67	21	151
Gains on asset sales	30	32	--
Other	(10)	32	36
Total revenues and non-operating income	7,146	4,697	5,956
Costs and Expenses			
Cost of products sold	5,367	3,321	4,424
Production expenses	284	239	256
Marketing expenses	238	200	202
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	86	83	91

Other operating expenses	37	48	31
General and administrative expenses	103	90	83
Interest expense	55	62	54
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	258	275	251
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Total costs and expenses	6,428	4,318	5,392
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Income before income taxes	718	379	564
Provision for income taxes	266	150	292
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Net income	\$ 452	\$ 229	\$ 272
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Preferred stock dividends	12	12	12
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Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ 440	\$ 217	\$ 260
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Supplemental Income Statement Information			

Foreign currency gains, after-tax	\$ 2	\$ (1)	\$ 2
Capitalized interest	23	13	22
Cash Flow Information			

Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$ 289	\$ 254	\$ 484
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures			

Exploration and Production			
United States	\$ 95	\$ 124	\$ 74
International	654	312	600
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Total Exploration and Production	749	436	674
Marketing and Refining	32	42	25
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Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 781	\$ 478	\$ 699
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Exploration expenses charged to income included above			
United States	\$ 28	\$ 32	\$ 30
International	29	17	12
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	\$ 57	\$ 49	\$ 42
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(*) Includes changes in working capital

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SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS)

Year

	2005	2004
Income Statement		
Revenues and Non-operating Income		
Sales and other operating revenues	\$22,747	\$16,733
Non-operating income		
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.	376	244
Gains on asset sales	48	55
Other	84	94
Total revenues and non-operating income	23,255	17,126
Costs and Expenses		
Cost of products sold	17,041	11,971
Production expenses	1,007	825
Marketing expenses	842	737
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	397	287
Other operating expenses	136	195
General and administrative expenses	357	342
Interest expense	224	241
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,025	970
Total costs and expenses	21,029	15,568
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	2,226	1,558
Provision for income taxes	984	588
Income from continuing operations	1,242	970
Discontinued operations	--	7
Net income	\$ 1,242	\$ 977
Preferred stock dividends	48	48
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ 1,194	\$ 929

Supplemental Income Statement Information

Foreign currency gains, after-tax	\$ 18	\$ 6
Capitalized interest	80	54

Cash Flow Information

Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$ 1,840	\$ 1,903
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Capital and Exploratory Expenditures

Exploration and Production		
United States	\$ 353	\$ 446
International	2,031	1,117

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Total Exploration and Production	2,384	1,563
Marketing and Refining	106	87
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Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,650
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Exploration expenses charged to income included above		
United States	\$ 89	\$ 89
International	60	40
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	\$ 149	\$ 129
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(*) Includes changes in working capital

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SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS)

	December 31	December 31
	2005	2004
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Balance Sheet Information		

Cash and short-term investments	\$ 325	\$ 877
Other current assets	4,965	3,458
Investments	1,389	1,254
Property, plant and equipment - net	9,512	8,505
Other assets	2,924	2,218
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Total assets	\$ 19,115	\$ 16,312
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Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 26	\$ 50
Other current liabilities	6,421	4,647
Long-term debt	3,759	3,785
Deferred liabilities and credits	2,623	2,233
Stockholders' equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)	7,813	6,621
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,527)	(1,024)
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 19,115	\$ 16,312
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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS)

	Fourth Quarter 2005		

	United		
	States	International	Total
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Sales and other operating revenues	\$274	\$826	\$1,100
Non-operating income (expenses)	3	28	31

Total revenues	277	854	1,131
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	70	214	284
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	34	52	86
General, administrative and other expenses	21	22	43
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	24	216	240
Total costs and expenses	149	504	653
Results of operations before income taxes	128	350	478
Provision for income taxes	43	137	180
Results of operations	\$85	\$213	\$298
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Fourth Quarter 2004

	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$278	\$651	\$929
Non-operating income (expenses)	28	19	47
Total revenues	306	670	976
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	55	184	239
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	35	48	83
General, administrative and other expenses	8	28	36
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	52	210	262
Total costs and expenses	150	470	620
Results of operations before income taxes	156	200	356
Provision for income taxes	50	95	145
Results of operations	\$106	\$105	\$211
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Third Quarter 2005

	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$275	\$767	\$1,042
Non-operating income (expenses)	--	16	16

Total revenues	275	783	1,058
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	76	180	256
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	40	51	91
General, administrative and other expenses	13	19	32
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	36	200	236
Total costs and expenses	165	450	615
Results of operations before income taxes	110	333	443
Provision for income taxes	41	167	208
Results of operations	\$69	\$166	\$235
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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS)

	Year 2005		

	United		
	States	International	Total
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Sales and other operating revenues	\$1,097	\$3,113	\$4,210
Non-operating income (expenses)	(1)	95	94
Total revenues	1,096	3,208	4,304
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	253	754	1,007
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	233	164	397
General, administrative and other expenses	74	66	140
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	145	820	965
Total costs and expenses	705	1,804	2,509
Results of operations before income taxes	391	1,404	1,795
Provision for income taxes	141	596	737
Results of operations	\$250	\$808	\$1,058
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	Year 2004		

	United		
	States	International	Total
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Sales and other operating revenues	\$909	\$2,507	\$3,416

Non-operating income (expenses)	26	64	90
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Total revenues	935	2,571	3,506
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Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	198	627	825
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	135	152	287
General, administrative and other expenses	57	93	150
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	147	771	918
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Total costs and expenses	537	1,643	2,180
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Results of operations before income taxes	398	928	1,326
Provision for income taxes	141	430	571
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Results of operations	\$257	\$498	\$755
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AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICES)

	Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2004	Third Quarter 2005
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Operating Data			

Net Production Per Day			

Crude oil - barrels			
United States	37	50	42
Europe	105	114	102
Africa, Asia and other	76	66	74
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Total	218	230	218
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Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States	9	14	11
Europe	4	6	2
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Total	13	20	13
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Natural gas - mcf			
United States	112	178	125
Europe	254	316	218
Africa, Asia and other	147	82	141
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Total	513	576	484
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Barrels of oil equivalent	316	346	312
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Crude oil - per barrel			
United States	\$30.95	\$29.92	\$34.86
Europe	33.50	25.98	34.59
Africa, Asia and other	36.21	27.65	37.75
Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States	\$48.67	\$33.31	\$40.90
Europe	44.60	37.15	36.77
Natural gas - per mcf			
United States	\$11.75	\$5.83	\$8.53
Europe	6.91	4.42	4.12
Africa, Asia and other	4.04	4.19	4.12

Crude oil - per barrel			
United States	\$54.85	\$43.20	\$58.32
Europe	53.10	42.55	59.47
Africa, Asia and other	54.77	41.33	59.56
Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States	\$48.67	\$33.31	\$40.90
Europe	44.60	37.15	36.77
Natural gas - per mcf			
United States	\$11.75	\$6.08	\$8.53
Europe	6.91	4.42	4.12
Africa, Asia and other	4.04	4.19	4.12

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SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICES)

Year	
2005	2004

Crude oil - barrels		
United States	44	44
Europe	110	119
Africa, Asia and other	74	65

Total	228	228
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Natural gas liquids - barrels		
United States	12	12
Europe	4	6

Total	16	18
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Natural gas - mcf		
United States	137	171

Europe	274	319
Africa, Asia and other	133	85
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Total	544	575
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Barrels of oil equivalent	335	342
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Average Selling Price (including hedging)

Crude oil - per barrel		
United States	\$32.64	\$27.42
Europe	33.13	26.18
Africa, Asia and other	34.16	27.19
Natural gas liquids - per barrel		
United States	\$38.50	\$29.50
Europe	37.13	27.44
Natural gas - per mcf		
United States	\$7.93	\$5.18
Europe	5.29	3.96
Africa, Asia and other	4.02	3.90

Average Selling Price (excluding hedging)

Crude oil - per barrel		
United States	\$51.16	\$38.56
Europe	52.22	37.57
Africa, Asia and other	51.97	37.16
Natural gas liquids - per barrel		
United States	\$38.50	\$29.50
Europe	37.13	27.44
Natural gas - per mcf		
United States	\$7.93	\$5.53
Europe	5.29	3.96
Africa, Asia and other	4.02	3.90

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
HEDGED PRICES AND VOLUMES

	Brent Crude Oil	
	Average	Thousands of
Maturity	Selling Price	barrels per day
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2006	\$28.10	30
2007	25.85	24
2008	25.56	24
2009	25.54	24
2010	25.78	24
2011	26.37	24
2012	26.90	24

Note: There were no WTI crude oil or natural gas hedges outstanding at December 31, 2005.

Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2004	Third Quarter 2005
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Financial Information (in millions)

Marketing and Refining Earnings

Income before income taxes	\$ 358	\$ 139	\$ 202
Provision for income taxes	129	46	77
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Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 229	\$ 93	\$ 125
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Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings

Refining	\$ 83	\$ 36	\$ 144
Marketing	131	64	(22)
Trading	15	(7)	3
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Total Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 229	\$ 93	\$ 125
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Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)

Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)

Gasoline	218	181	226
Distillates	170	152	104
Residuals	78	56	43
Other	53	41	37
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Total	519	430	410
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Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)

HOVENSA - Crude runs	482	472	413
HOVENSA - AHC 50% share	241	236	206
Port Reading	64	55	62

Refinery Utilization Refinery Capacity

HOVENSA	(thousands of barrels per day)			
Crude	500	96.3%	94.4%	82.5%*
FCC	150	87.1%	86.2%	89.7%
Coker	58	85.3%	84.1%	92.4%
Port Reading	65	98.5%	89.0%	95.5%

* Reflects reduced utilization from scheduled maintenance.

Retail Marketing

Number of retail stations (a)	1,354	1,254	1,358
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$ 241	\$ 228	\$ 260
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)	199	194	211

(a) Includes company operated, branded/dealer and Wilco-Hess.

(b) Company operated only.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

	Year	
	2005	2004

Financial Information (in millions)

Marketing and Refining Earnings

Income before income taxes	\$ 813	\$ 610
Provision for income taxes	298	159

Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 515	\$ 451
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Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings

Refining	\$ 346	\$ 302
Marketing	136	112
Trading	33	37

Total Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 515	\$ 451
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Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)

Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)

Gasoline	213	193
Distillates	136	140
Residuals	64	58
Other	43	37

Total	456	428
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Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)

HOVENSA - Crude runs	461	484
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HOVENSA - AHC 50% share	231	242
Port Reading	55	52

Refinery Utilization	Refinery Capacity		
HOVENSA	(thousands of barrels per day)		
Crude	500	92.2%*	96.7%
FCC	150	81.9%*	92.9%
Coker	58	92.8%	94.5%
Port Reading	65	85.3%*	83.4%**

* Reflects reduced utilization from scheduled maintenance.

** Includes a storm- related interruption.

Retail Marketing

Number of retail stations (a)	1,354	1,254
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$ 973	\$ 932
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)	204	191

(a) Includes company operated, branded/dealer and Wilco-Hess.

(b) Company operated only.

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