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**CURRENT REPORT** 

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 9, 2003

Commission File No. 1-10403

## **TEPPCO Partners, L.P.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation or Organization) 76-0291058 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2929 Allen Parkway
P.O. Box 2521
Houston, Texas 77252-2521
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(713) 759-3636 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 7. Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

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99.1	Presentation by TEPPCO Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") in December 2003.

#### Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The Partnership is furnishing herewith certain data being presented at an industry conference on December 9, 2003. This information, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 9 from Exhibit 99.1 hereof, is being furnished solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation FD.

The matters discussed herein include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of various provisions of the Securities Act of 1934. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Partnership in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with the Partnership's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including general economic, market or business conditions, the opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to and pursued by the Partnership, competitive actions by other pipeline companies, changes in laws or regulations, and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Partnership. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this document are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that actual results or developments anticipated by the Partnership will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to or effect on the Partnership or its business or operations.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

TEPPCO Partners, L.P. (Registrant)

By: Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC
General Partner

/s/ CHARLES H. LEONARD

Charles H. Leonard Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 9, 2003

# **TEPPCO Partners, L.P.**

Wachovia Securities Pipeline Conference and Symposium December 9, 2003





#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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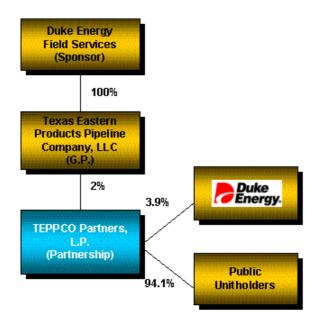
#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

■ The financial information and other disclosures herein include references to EBITDA, which may be viewed as a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) measure under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We define EBITDA as net income plus interest expense – net, depreciation and amortization, and a pro rata portion, based on our equity ownership, of the interest expense and depreciation and amortization of each of our joint ventures.



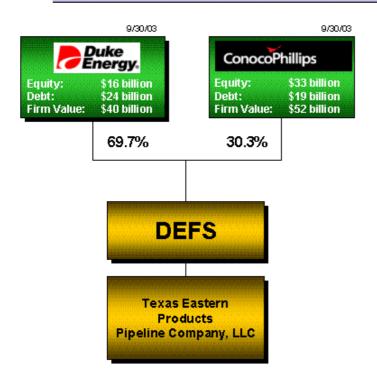
## **TEPPCO Partners, L.P.**

- One of the largest energy Master Limited Partnerships
- Formed in 1990 with headquarters in Houston, Texas
- General Partner owned by Duke Energy Field Services (DEFS), a premier North American midstream company
- Strong focus on corporate governance and serving interests of limited partners





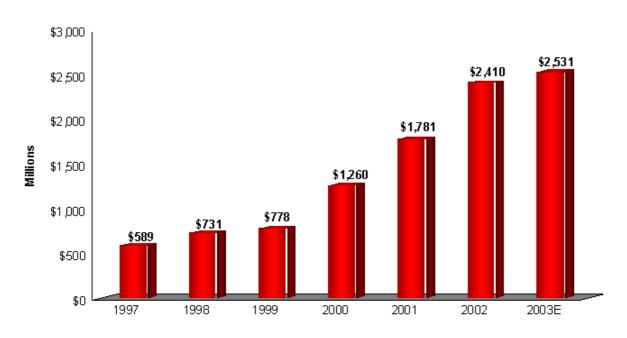
## The Sponsor: Duke Energy Field Services



- DEFS is owned by two substantial and wellrespected energy companies
- Largest midstream company in the U.S.
- Proven, reliable, low-cost gas gatherer and processor
- Known for operational excellence and customer service orientation



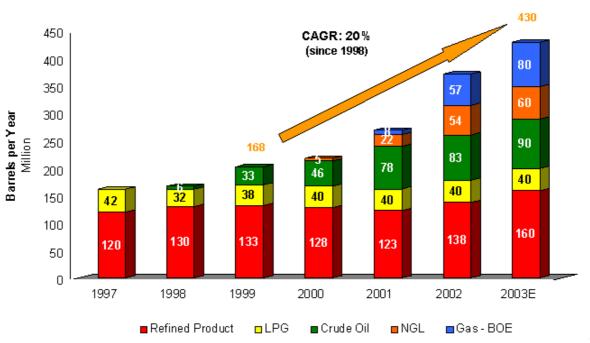
#### **Substantial Asset Growth**



Asset base represents Net PP&E, intangible assets, other assets, and equity investments at year-end periods  $\,$ 



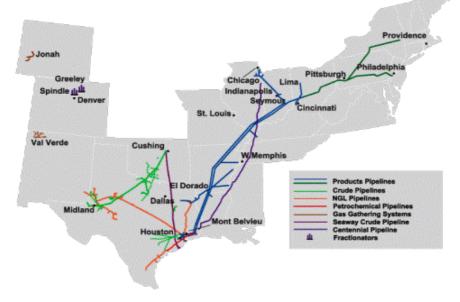
## **Volume Diversification and Growth**





# The TEPPCO Systems

#### 11,600 Miles of Pipelines in 16 States ...



... Strategically Positioned to Capitalize on Market Opportunities



# **TEPPCO's Three Business Segments**



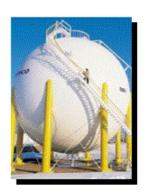
<u>Upstream</u>

Crude oil gathering, transportation, storage and marketing



**Midstream** 

Natural gas gathering and NGL transportation and fractionation



**Downstream** 

Refined products, LPG, and petrochemical transportation, storage and terminaling



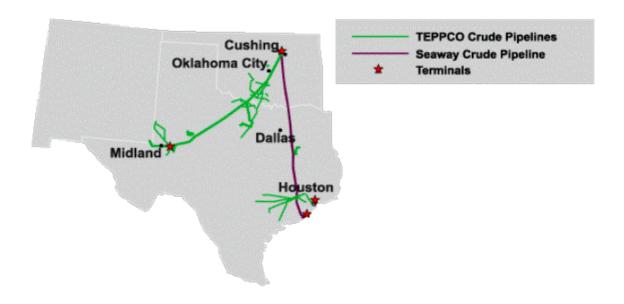
#### **TEPPCO Corporate Strategy**

#### Our Goal: To grow cash flow and returns to our unitholders

- Focus on internal growth prospects
  - Increase throughput on our pipeline systems
  - Expand / upgrade existing assets and construct new pipeline and gathering systems
- Target accretive acquisitions in our core businesses that provide growth potential
  - Utilize competitive strength from alignment with DEFS
- Operate in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner
- Continue track record of steady, annual distribution growth



# **TEPPCO's Upstream Business**



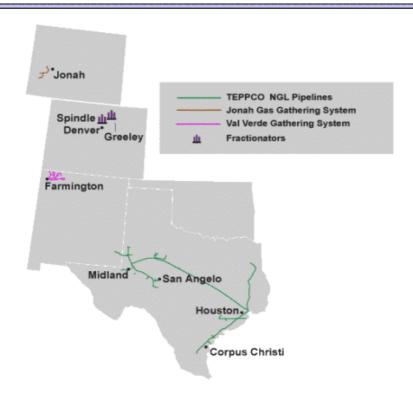


## **Upstream Strategy**

- Strengthen market position around existing asset base
  - Focus activity in West Texas, South Texas and Red River areas
  - Increase margins by improving/expanding services and reducing costs through asset optimization
  - Pursue strategic acquisitions to complement existing assets
- Realize full potential of Seaway assets
  - Aggressively market Seaway mainline capacity, with focus on alignment with key refiners and suppliers
  - Maximize value of strong Texas City marine terminal position



## **TEPPCO's Midstream Business**





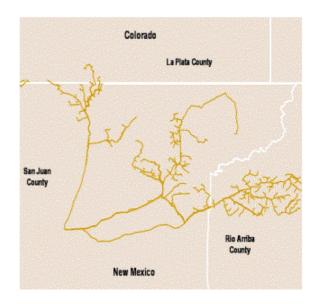
## **Midstream Strategy**

- Strong portfolio of high quality assets in prolific gas producing basins
  - Assets positioned in basins playing an increasingly vital role in the United States' domestic gas supply
- Realize full potential of existing assets
  - Increase throughput on Val Verde, Jonah and Chaparral systems
  - Prudently expand capacity to meet customers' needs
- Pursue acquisition opportunities arising from natural gas industry restructuring



## Val Verde Gas Gathering System

- Acquired from Burlington Resources for \$444 million on 6/30/02
- Gathers from San Juan Basin's Fruitland Coal Formation
- One of the largest Coal Bed Methane gas gathering and treating facilities, with 1 BCF/d pipeline capacity
- Attractive growth potential from infill CBM drilling and conventional gas production





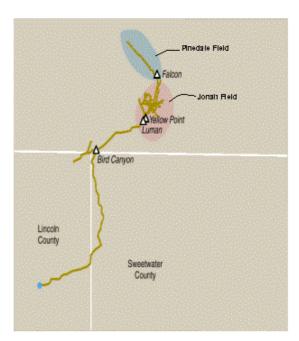
#### Val Verde Growth Potential

- Near-term volume growth from Coal Bed Methane infill drilling
  - New Mexico Oil Conservation Division issued order in July 2003 approving 160-acre spacing in all areas of the Fruitland Coal Formation
  - Volumes from infill wells dedicated to Val Verde and within footprint of existing gathering system
  - Expect strong infill drilling activity in 2004, with resultant volume increase in 2005
- Longer-term growth and increased throughput from conventional gas gathering and enhanced services
  - Leverage high quality assets, existing system capacity and DEFS commercial presence and operating capability



## **Jonah Gas Gathering System**

- Acquired from Alberta Energy for \$360 million in Q4 2001
- Located in prolific Green River Basin
  - Significant growth prospects in both Jonah and Pinedale fields
- Financially committed and established producers
  - EnCana, Shell, BP and Ultra
- 2002 expansion projects increased capacity from 450 MMcfd to 880 MMcfd





## **Phase III Expansion and Pioneer Plant**

- Phase III Expansion will increase system capacity to 1.2 BCF/d by year-end 2003
  - 90%+ of gas dedicated life of lease from wellhead to Bird Canyon
  - Obtained increased long haul dedications
- Pioneer Plant construction and Opal Plant expansion will increase system reliability
- Kern River expansion provides sufficient downstream capacity to transport increased Jonah and Pinedale volumes
- Likelihood of further infill drilling within Jonah and Pinedale fields



#### **TEPPCO's Downstream Business**





# **Midwest Refined Products Supply**

#### PADD III Production Will Continue To Support PADD II Demand Shortfall



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#### **Downstream Strategy**

- Utilize TEPPCO and Centennial Pipeline systems to serve growing Midwest supply shortfall
  - Acquisition of capacity lease and increased ownership position improves ability to optimize operations and customer service
- Centennial is a key investment for TEPPCO, providing substantial growth capacity to satisfy growing demand in core market area
  - Centennial provided capacity to enable record refined products movements in 2003
  - Improved propane service levels to Midwest and Northeast markets during very cold winter
  - Potential to displace river movements with more efficient pipeline transportation
  - Potential to offset expected growing Midwest supply imbalance

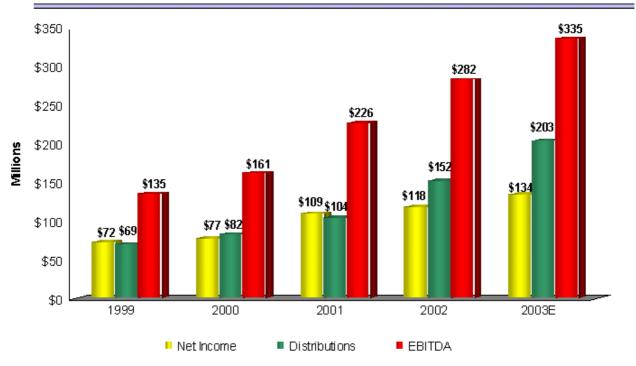


## 2003 Operating Performance

- Excellent performance across all business segments continued through third quarter
  - Strong propane movements as inventories replenished from cold winter/spring seasons
  - Increased refined products deliveries across system enabled by Centennial Pipeline capacity
  - Growth and optimization strategies continue to produce strong upstream gathering, marketing and transportation results
  - Increased Jonah volumes and impact of full year ownership of Val Verde system
- Updated expected EBITDA range from \$305-\$325 MM to \$330-\$340 MM during fourth quarter



# **Record Income, EBITDA and Distributions**



2003E represents midpoint of expected EBITDA range



#### 2003 Financial Achievements

- Strengthening of balance sheet in 2003
  - 3.9 million units sold April 2003 with proceeds used to retire all Class B units
  - 5.2 million units sold August 2003 with proceeds used primarily to fund internal growth projects
- Expected improvement to year-end pro-forma financial position
  - Debt/capitalization < 55%</li>
  - Debt/EBITDA < 4.0</li>
- Increased annual distribution by \$.20/unit to \$2.60/unit
  - 9.5% annual distribution growth rate since 1993
  - Strong distribution coverage ratio of 1.1 at 9/30/03



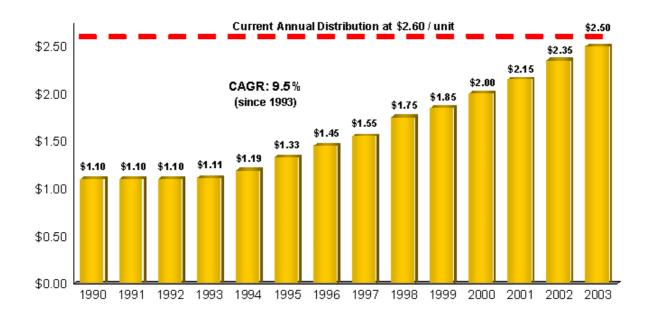
# **Balance Sheet and Coverage Ratios**

	Actual	Actual	Estim ate
	06/30/02	12/31/02	12/31/03
Debt 1	\$ 1,660	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,311
Equity	692	995	1,115
Total Cap	2,352	2,315	2,426
Debt / Total Cap	70.6%	57.0%	54.0%
EBITDA (LTM)	\$ 221	\$ 282	\$ 335 <sup>2</sup>
Debt / EBITDA	7.5x	4.7x	3.9x
Distribution Coverage	1.0x	1.2x	1.1x

<sup>1 –</sup> Net of SFAS 133 2 – Represents midpoint of expected EBITDA range



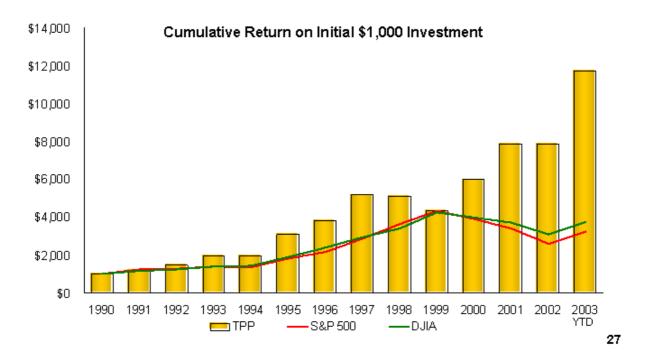
## **Consistent Distribution Growth since 1993**



Note: 1990 indicative of full year distribution.



# 20% Average Annual Return since 1990 IPO





#### Summary

#### TEPPCO is well positioned for continued growth

- Strong asset positions in diversified businesses
- Visible internal growth prospects
- Disciplined approach to acquisitions
- Financial strength to fund growth initiatives
- Experienced personnel with customer service orientation
- Track record of consistent distribution growth
- Strict governance to ensure continued stakeholder trust and confidence



## **Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures**

#### (\$ in Millions)

	2003E <sup>1</sup>	2002	6/30/02	2001	2000	1999
EBITDA					•	
Net Income	134	118	92	109	77	72
Interest Expense–Net	85	66	62	62	45	30
Depreciation & Amortization (D&A)	97	86	58	46	36	33
TEPPCO Pro-rata						
Percentage of Joint Venture						
Interest Expense and D&A	19	12	9	9	. 3	
Total BITDA	335	282	221	226	161	135

Note

<sup>1 10/28/03</sup> earnings release indicated a 2003E EBITDA range of \$330 - \$340 million



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