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> Rating: Buy S&P 500: 1384 Intraday

Penn West Energy Trust Canada's Dastardly Deed

Symbol	PWE	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 9/30/07 (US\$mm)	1,270				
Rating	Buy	North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)	39				
Price (US\$/un)	27.80	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)	100				
Pricing Date	11/14/06	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	8.2				
Units (mm)	239	EV/Ebitda	6.3				
Market Capitalization (US\$mm)	6,600	PV/Ebitda	8.4				
Debt (US\$mm)	1,400	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	13				
Enterprise Value (EV) (US\$mm)	8,000	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/boe)	26.78				
Present Value (PV) (US\$mm)	10,700	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	25.72				
Net Present Value (US\$/unit)	39	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/mcfe)	4.29				
Debt/Present Value	0.13	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/un)	2.58				
McDep Ratio - EV/PV	0.75	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months	11				
Distribution Yield (%/year)	12.9	Indicated Annual Distribution (US\$/un)	3.58				
Note: Estimated cash flow and earnings tied to one-year futures prices for oil and natural gas.							

Reported results may vary widely from estimates. Estimated present value per unit revised only infrequently. Estimated present value presumes a long-term price for oil of US\$60 a barrel and natural gas, \$10 a million btu. For historical analysis of PWE since 2005 see www.mcdep.com/5pwt.htm

Summary and Recommendation

Down 26% in stock price since October 31, buy-recommended **Penn West Energy Trust (PWE)** at a McDep Ratio of 0.75 offers unlevered appreciation potential of 33% to estimated present value. On Halloween night, the Canadian government announced its intention to apply a 31.5% corporate income tax on trusts beginning in 2011. Despite the tax bomb, our estimate of present value remains the same because it is intentionally independent of corporate and individual tax rates. Reported on November 13, the first quarter of operations including the Petrofund acquisition points to Net Present Value of US\$31 a share from correlating the rate of production relative to reserves with present value as a multiple of cash flow for some thirty natural gas and oil producers (see table <u>Functional Cash Flow and Present Value</u>). Among sources of additional value beyond the correlation, Peace River oil sands are targeted for more aggressive development while Pembina CO2 enhanced recovery has been set back with lower than expected productivity in a pilot project. Just as Canada has become less attractive to investors qualitatively, PWE has become more attractive quantitatively and we keep our suggested double weighting for the stock in our illustrative energy portfolio concentrated on real assets that promise a high return providing clean fuel for global growth.

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Penn West Energy Trust Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates (Canadian dollars)

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									Next
									Twelve
	Q3	Q2	Q3	Q4E	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Months
	9/30/05	6/30/06	9/30/06	12/31/06	2006E	3/31/07	6/30/07	9/30/07	9/30/07
Volume									
Natural Gas (mmcfd)	289	268	359	359	313	359	359	375	363
Oil (mbd)	52	49	69	69	60	69	69	70	69
Total gas & oil (bcf)	55	51	71	71	246	70	70	73	285
Total gas & oil (mbd)	100	93	129	129	112	129	129	133	130
Price									
Natural gas (\$/mcf)									
Henry Hub (US\$/mmbtu)	8.56	6.81	6.58	6.42	7.20	8.33	7.77	7.96	7.62
Company (C\$/mcf)	8.88	6.14	5.97	5.82	6.42	7.55	7.05	7.22	6.91
Oil (\$/bbl)									
WTI Cushing (US\$)	62.52	70.47	70.42	58.78	65.75	61.89	64.36	65.69	62.68
Company (C\$/bbl)	62.92	64.64	64.73	54.02	58.24	56.88	56.64	57.81	56.34
Total gas & oil (\$/mcf)	9.71	8.55	8.55	7.53	7.01	8.59	8.33	8.50	7.09
Revenue (\$mm)									
Natural Gas	236	150	197	192	736	247	230	249	918
Oil	299	286	412	344	1,276	358	357	372	1,431
Other	(95)	(61)	(78)	(69)	(286)	(86)	(84)	(88)	(327)
Total	440	375	531	467	1,726	519	503	533	2,023
Expense					·				ŕ
Production	89	92	134	126	444	134	132	136	528
Overhead	5	10	10	10	40	10	10	15	45
Ebitda (\$mm)	346	273	387	331	1,242	375	361	382	1,450
Deprec., Deplet., & Amort.	109	110	218	171	612	169	169	176	685
Hedging and other	(6)	27	(28)		(8)	-			-
Ebit	243	137	197	160	638	206	192	207	765
Interest	7	8	17	17	47	17	17	14	64
Ebt	237	129	180	144	591	189	176	193	701
Income Tax	35	3	25		21				-
Net Income (\$mm)	202	126	155	144	570	189	176	193	701
Shares (millions)	171	169	239	239	199	239	239	239	239
Per share (\$)	1.18	0.75	0.65	0.60	2.87	0.79	0.73	0.81	2.93
Ebitda Margin - O&G	82%	77%	76%	75%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%
Tax Rate	15%	2%	14%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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Functional Cash Flow and Present Value

	NTM Ebitda (US\$mm)	Adjusted <u>R/P</u>	PV/ <u>Ebitda</u>	Present Value <u>(US\$mm)</u>			
North American Natural Gas	500	6.3	6.6	3,300	31%		
Oil	770	9.9	9.6	7,400	69%		
	1,270	8.2	8.4	10,700	100%		
Debt (US\$mm)					1,400		
Net Present Value (US\$mm)					9,300		
Shares (mm)					239		
Net Present Value - Standard Estimate (US\$/sh)							
Net Present Value - Approximation by Correlation (US\$/sh)							

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