

Rating: Buy S&P 500: 1360

## **XTO Energy Inc. Beating a Tax Deadline**

Symbol	XTO	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 6/30/09 (US\$mm)	8,660				
Rating	Buy	North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)	67				
Price (US\$/sh)	68.47	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)	100				
Pricing Date	6/16/08	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	12.2				
Shares (mm)	549	EV/Ebitda	5.6				
Market Capitalization (US\$mm)	37,600	PV/Ebitda	6.9				
Debt (US\$mm)	11,300	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	35				
Enterprise Value (EV) (US\$mm)	48,900	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/boe)	60.02				
Present Value (PV) (US\$mm)	59,600	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	28.05				
Net Present Value (US\$/share)	88	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/mcfe)	4.67				
Debt/Present Value	0.19	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/sh)	5.43				
McDep Ratio - EV/PV	0.82	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months	13				
Dividend Yield (%/year)	0.7	Indicated Annual Dividend (US\$/sh)	0.48				
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 share revised only infrequently.							
Estimated present value presumes a long-term price for oil of US\$100 a barrel and natural gas, \$14 a million btu.							
For historical analysis of XTO since 2002 see <a href="https://www.mcdep.com/4xto.htm">www.mcdep.com/4xto.htm</a>							

## **Summary and Recommendation**

Buy-recommended **XTO Energy (XTO)** offers unlevered appreciation potential of 22% to estimated net present value (NPV) of \$88 a share. Happy to accommodate sellers who may want to act before the capital gains tax rate may be increased in 2009, Chairman Bob Simpson announced a \$4.2 billion acquisition on June 10 following soon after the May 28 announcement of a \$1.8 billion acquisition. Both deals appear to have growth potential and contribute to updated projections of cash flow (Ebitda) (see table Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates). Projected cash flow capitalized at unlevered multiples (PV/Ebitda) related to reserve life (Adjusted R/P) supports NPV (see table Functional Cash Flow and Present Value). Oil price remains in a long-term uptrend while natural gas is underpriced relative to oil (see chart Six-Year Commodity Price Meter). Sixty-seven percent concentrated on natural gas and trading at a low McDep Ratio, XTO is a top choice for boosting portfolio participation in the growing production of U.S. natural gas as a positive consequence of rising energy price.

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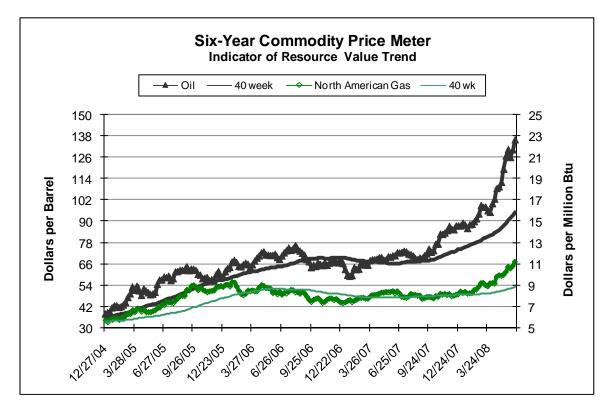
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XTO Energy Inc.											
Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates											
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	Q2	Q1	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Months		
	6/30/07	3/31/08	6/30/08	9/30/08	12/31/08	2008E	3/31/09	6/30/09	6/30/09		
Volume											
Natural Gas (mmcfd)	1,331	1,708	1,708	1,708	1,905	1,758	1,905	1,905	1,855		
Days	91	91	91	92	92	366	90	91	365		
Oil (mmb)	6	6	7	7	8	29	8	8	31		
Oil (mbd)	61	68	78	78	89	78	89	89	86		
Total gas & oil (bcf)	155	192	198	200	224	815	219	222	866		
Total gas & oil (mmcfd)	1,698	2,113	2,176	2,176	2,438	2,226	2,438	2,438	2,372		
Price						·			·		
Natural gas (\$/mcf)											
Henry Hub (\$/mmbtu)	7.56	8.02	10.93	13.01	13.42	11.35	13.80	13.20	13.36		
Company (\$/mcf)	6.95	7.59	10.35	11.58	11.94	10.42	12.28	11.75	11.89		
Oil (\$/bbl)											
WTI Cushing	64.91	97.94	123.70	135.28	136.42	123.33	136.64	136.18	136.13		
Company (\$/bbl)	55.20	85.65	116.82	130.70	126.87	116.48	127.08	121.56	126.43		
Total gas & oil (\$/mcf)	7.44	8.87	12.31	13.78	13.95	12.31	14.22	13.61	13.89		
Revenue (\$mm)											
Natural Gas	842	1,180	1,609	1,820	2,093	6,702	2,105	2,036	8,055		
Oil	308	526	829	938	1,036	3,330	1,016	982	3,972		
Other											
Total	1,149	1,706	2,438	2,758	3,130	10,031	3,121	3,019	12,027		
Expense											
Production	253	346	594	683	787	2,410	785	756	3,012		
Overhead	52	89	89	89	89	356	89	89	356		
Ebitda (\$mm)	844	1,271	1,755	1,986	2,253	7,265	2,247	2,174	8,660		
Exploration	7	18	18	18	18	72	18	18	72		
Deprec., Deplet., & Amort.	265	389	436	460	538	1,823	538	538	2,075		
Hedging and other	(139)	46	255	412	441	1,154	83	426	1,361		
Ebit	712	818	1,047	1,095	1,256	4,216	1,608	1,191	5,151		
Interest	47	91	109	142	142	483	142	142	566		
Ebt	665	727	938	954	1,115	3,732	1,467	1,050	4,585		
Income Tax	233	268	328	334	390	1,320	513	367	1,605		
Net Income (\$mm)	432	459	609	620	725	2,412	953	682	2,980		
Shares (millions)	474	504	530	530	554	532	554	554	549		
Per share (\$)	0.91	0.91	1.15	1.17	1.31	4.54	1.72	1.23	5.43		
Ebitda Margin - O&G	73%	75%	72%	72%	72%	72%	72%	72%	72%		
Tax Rate	35%	37%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%		

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Functional Cash Flow and Present Value									
				Present					
	NTM Ebitda	Adjusted	PV/	Value					
	(US\$mm)	<u>R/P</u>	<u>Ebitda</u>	(US\$mm)					
North American Natural Gas	5,800	12.4	7.4	43,000	72%				
Oil	2,860	11.2	5.8	16,600	28%				
	8,660	12.2	6.9	59,600	100%				
Debt (US\$mm)					11,300				
Net Present Value (US\$mm)					48,300				
Shares (mm)					549				
Net Present Value - Standard Estimate (US\$/sh)									
NPV Approximation by Cash Flow Multiple Depending on Reserve Life (US\$/sh)									





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