A Weekly Analysis of Energy Stocks Using the McDep Ratio November 20, 2003

# **Visionary or Promoter?**

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

In the latest issue of *Fortune* Magazine, Julie Creswell quotes Richard Kinder suggesting that **Kinder Morgan Energy Partners (KMP)** offers "a 14% total return...without a lot of risk". Considering the general partner's equal take and the partnership's debt, that implies an enterprise return of 16% a year. Moreover, Kinder invests across the spectrum of the energy industry from oil fields to pipelines to tanks to power plants. Thus, the third richest man in Houston apparently foresees a golden era for energy. Investors can get similar industry representation with more global opportunity and dollar diversification in mega cap buy recommendations, **ChevronTexaco(CVX)** and **Royal Dutch (RD)**, for example. Priced at about \$74 and \$45 a share respectively, CVX and RD would be \$280 and \$140 to be valued at the same unlevered cash flow multiple as KMP.

#### **High Returns Possible**

Mr. Kinder reckons that KMP pays 6% and the distribution can grow 8% per year. If Mr. Kinder is describing a 14% return without acquisitions he is implying that the current combination of businesses earns 28% per year. The general partner gets almost as much in distributions as the limited partners for almost no capital outlay. About half of the assets are financed with debt that costs an average of 4%. Half at 28% and half at 4% averages 16% as the annual return on total capital.

How likely is a return on capital of 16%? It seemed far-fetched a year ago when the general partner of KMP was practically insolvent by our calculations. It is ambitious today and probably higher than any energy company has actually earned over a long time. Should Mr. Kinder turn out to be a visionary, the outlook is even better for CVX and RD among other energy stocks. Should Mr. Kinder turn out to be a promoter, it could be a long way down for investors in KMP.

#### High Returns Not Reflected Yet in Stock Price for CVX or RD

CVX and RD trade for low unlevered cash flow multiples of 5.8 and 6.7 times respectively (see Table 1-2). KMP trades at a lofty 18 times. That is a current number for KMP although we have not published that ratio for pipeline and power peers for a while. The low cash flow multiples of quality energy companies like CVX and RD seem more compelling as justification for new investment.

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Table 1-1
Energy Producers
Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

			Price			Net		
			(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbol/		19-Nov	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	Ra	ting	2003	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
Mega Cap								
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM		35.44	6,652	236,000	35.00	0.10	1.01
Total S.A.	TOT		78.91	1,261	99,500	85.00	0.19	0.94
BP plc	BP		42.50	3,682	157,000	50.00	0.15	0.87
Royal Dutch/Shell	RD	В	44.58	3,473	155,000	55.00	0.18	0.84
ChevronTexaco Corporation	CVX	В	74.20	1,064	78,900	95.00	0.20	0.82
Total or Median					726,000		0.18	0.87
Producer/Refiners - Large Cap and	Mid Cap	)						
Murphy Oil Corporation	MUR		59.64	92	5,510	41.00	0.26	1.33
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO		39.89	113	4,520	36.00	0.12	1.09
Norsk Hydro ASA (49%)	NHY		56.80	126	7,180	60.00	0.27	0.96
Petro-Canada	PCZ		42.83	265	11,350	45.00	0.19	0.96
Valero Energy Corporation	VLO		42.85	114	4,880	50.00	0.50	0.93
ENI S.p.A.	E		82.39	750	61,800	90.00	0.14	0.93
Suncor Energy	SU		21.98	474	10,420	25.00	0.14	0.90
OAO Lukoil	LUKOY		78.40	210	16,000	90.00	0.11	0.89
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	57.03	682	38,900	70.00	0.38	0.89
Petroleo Brasileiro S. A.	PBR		24.90	1,096	27,300	30.00	0.25	0.87
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	29.18	310	9,050	40.00	0.31	0.81
PetroChina Company Ltd (10%)	PTR	В	36.63	176	6,440	50.00	0.11	0.76
Total or Median					203,000		0.22	0.91
<b>Independent Natural Gas and Oil</b>								
Pogo Producing Company	PPP		42.30	64	2,710	42.00	0.12	1.01
CNOOC Limited (19%)	CEO	В	38.60	78	3,010	40.00	-	0.96
XTO Energy Inc.	XTO	В	24.75	186	4,610	26.00	0.24	0.96
Apache Corporation	APA		70.96	162	11,500	75.00	0.23	0.96
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY		36.02	391	14,100	40.00	0.31	0.93
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	CNQ		43.72	137	5,990	55.00	0.40	0.88
Unocal Corporation	UCL		31.51	273	8,600	40.00	0.33	0.86
Pioneer Natural Resources Company	PXD		26.99	119	3,210	35.00	0.31	0.84
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	35.49	470	16,700	45.00	0.22	0.84
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	В	44.71	251	11,200	60.00	0.31	0.82
Burlington Resources	BR	В	49.80	201	10,000	65.00	0.25	0.82
Devon Energy	DVN		48.58	241	11,700	70.00	0.36	0.80
Total or Median					103,000		0.28	0.87
Service								
Baker Hughes Inc.	BHI		28.86	339	9,800	25.00	0.09	1.14
Halliburton Company	HAL		23.43	434	10,200	22.00	0.25	1.05
Schlumberger Ltd.	SLB		46.53	581	27,000	44.00	0.22	1.04

Buy/Sell rating after symbol: B - Buy, S - Sell

McDep Ratio = Market cap and Debt to present value of oil and gas and other businesses

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Table 1-2
Energy Producers
Rank by EV/Ebitda: Enterprise Value to Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Deprec.

	Price			EV/	EU/	Div	PV/	
	C 1 . 1/		(\$/sh)		EV/	Dis P/E	tribution	
	Symbol/	.4:	19-Nov 2003	Sales	Ebitda		NTM	Ebitda
Maga Can	Ka	ting	2003	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)	NTM
Mega Cap Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM		35.44	1.1	7.5	15	2.8	7.5
Total S.A.	TOT		78.91	1.1	7.5 7.5	15	4.5	7.3 7.9
BP plc	BP		42.50	0.8	7.3	16	3.7	8.2
Royal Dutch/Shell	RD	В	44.58	1.0	6.7	16	4.6	7.9
ChevronTexaco Corporation	CVX	В	74.20	0.8	5.8	11	3.9	7.9
Median		ь	74.20	1.0	7.2	15	3.9	7.1
Producer/Refiners - Large Cap and				1.0	7.2	13	5.7	1.7
Murphy Oil Corporation	MUR		59.64	1.7	10.8	39	1.3	8.1
Suncor Energy	SU		21.98	3.0	8.3	17	0.7	9.3
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO		39.89	1.2	8.1	15	1.4	7.4
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	57.03	0.6	6.1	9	3.0	6.9
OAO Lukoil	LUKOY		78.40	0.9	6.0	12	3.3	6.8
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	29.18	0.4	5.2	11	3.4	6.4
Valero Energy Corporation	VLO		42.85	0.3	5.1	6	0.9	5.5
Petro-Canada	PCZ		42.83	1.5	4.7	12	0.7	4.9
ENI S.p.A.	E		82.39	1.8	4.3	9	5.2	4.7
PetroChina Company Ltd (10%)	PTR	В	36.63	2.3	4.2	8	5.6	5.4
Petroleo Brasileiro S. A.	PBR		24.90	1.5	4.0	6	3.4	4.6
Norsk Hydro ASA (49%)	NHY		56.80	0.9	3.8	11	2.6	4.0
Median				1.3	5.1	11	2.8	5.9
Independent Natural Gas and Oil								
XTO Energy Inc.	XTO	В	24.75	4.6	6.4	12	0.2	6.6
CNOOC Limited (19%)	CEO	В	38.60	4.8	6.2	13	4.1	6.5
Burlington Resources	BR	В	49.80	3.8	5.6	14	1.2	6.7
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	35.49	2.5	5.4	15	0.9	6.4
Pioneer Natural Resources Company	PXD		26.99	3.9	5.3	15	-	6.2
Unocal Corporation	UCL		31.51	2.3	5.1	12	2.5	6.0
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	В	44.71	3.6	5.1	9	1.3	6.2
Apache Corporation	APA		70.96	3.5	5.1	11	0.7	5.3
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY		36.02	2.3	5.0	8	2.9	5.4
Canadian Natural Resources Limited			43.72	3.3	4.7	11	1.0	5.3
Devon Energy	DVN		48.58	2.8	4.4	8	-	5.4
Pogo Producing Company	PPP		42.30	2.8	4.1	10	0.5	4.1
Median				3.4	5.1	12	0.9	6.1
Service								
Baker Hughes Inc.	BHI		28.86	2.0	12.3	34	1.6	10.8
Halliburton Company	HAL		23.43	1.1	9.5	21	2.1	9.0
Schlumberger Ltd.	SLB		46.53	2.5	9.3	34	1.6	8.9

EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and Debt; Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization; NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2004; P/E = Stock Price to Earnings; PV = Present Value of oil and gas and other businesses

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Table 2-1
Energy Pipeline and Power Companies
Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

			Price			Net	<b>D</b> • · ·	
			(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbo		19-Nov	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	Rat	ıng	2003	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
Large Cap Power								
Duke Energy Corporation	DUK		17.63	832	14,700	16.00	0.69	1.03
Southern Company	SO		29.09	696	20,300	28.00	0.43	1.02
Exelon Corporation	EXC		62.59	325	20,300	65.00	0.51	0.98
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	AEP		27.45	348	9,600	35.00	0.60	0.91
Enel S.p.a. (32%)	EN		31.19	388	12,100	37.00	0.40	0.91
Dominion Resources	D		60.02	294	17,600	76.00	0.44	0.88
Total or Median					94,600		0.47	0.95
Mid Cap Pipeline and Power								
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.	KMP	S	44.15	140	6,190	14.00	0.46	2.16
Kinder Morgan Management, LLC	KMR	S	39.25	48	1,880	14.00	0.46	1.98
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	KMI	S	53.67	124	6,680	14.00	0.80	1.57
Williams Companies	WMB		8.96	518	4,640	1.00	0.97	1.25
Constellation Energy Group	CEG		35.90	164	5,890	25.00	0.61	1.17
AES Corporation	AES		8.41	558	4,690	1.00	0.98	1.14
Dynegy Inc.	DYN		3.84	418	1,610	1.00	0.97	1.09
Calpine Corporation	CPN		4.31	381	1,640	1.00	0.98	1.08
CMS Energy Corporation	CMS		7.70	139	1,070	5.00	0.93	1.04
Sempra Energy	SRE		26.99	206	5,560	30.00	0.59	0.96
El Paso Corporation	EP		6.17	589	3,600	10.00	0.79	0.92
Total or Median					43,450		0.80	1.14
Small Cap Pipeline								
Enterprise Products Part (44%)	EPD		23.00	96	2,210	8.50	0.49	1.88
Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.	EEP	S	52.08	39	2,030	19.00	0.57	1.75
Gulfterra Energy Partners	GTM	S	40.47	66	2,660	17.30	0.48	1.69
Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C	EEQ	S	47.63	10	470	19.00	0.57	1.64
Plains All Amer. Pipeline, L.P.	PAA		30.95	50	1,550	15.00	0.44	1.60
TEPPCO Partners, L.P.	TPP		39.45	58	2,290	18.00	0.52	1.57
Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P.	MMP		54.99	27	1,500	29.00	0.38	1.56
Northern Border Partners	NBP		40.27	47	1,870	20.00	0.62	1.38
AmeriGas Partners, L.P.	APU		26.79	52	1,400	20.00	0.46	1.18
Western Gas Resources	WGR		42.87	37	1,590	40.00	0.27	1.05
Total or Median					17,570		0.48	1.59

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	Symbol/ Rating		19-Nov 2003	Shares (mm)	Cap (\$mm)	Value (\$/sh)	Present Value	McDep Ratio
Short Life								
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		17.85	27.0	480	13.00	-	1.37
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		19.29	36.0	690	17.00	0.30	1.09
Spinnaker Exploration Company	SKE		26.17	33.8	890	25.00	-	1.05
Newfield Exploration Company	NFX		40.57	51.7	2,100	40.00	0.31	1.01
Energy Partners Ltd.	EPL	В	11.71	38.2	447	12.00	0.22	0.98
Westport Resources Corporation	WRC		27.04	68.0	1,840	30.00	0.29	0.93
Chesapeake Energy Corporation	CHK		12.35	220	2,720	14.00	0.38	0.93
Stone Energy Company	SGY		36.38	26.5	960	46.00	0.27	0.85
Cimarex Energy Company	XEC	В	22.84	42.0	960	27.00	0.00	0.85
Denbury Resources Inc.	DNR		11.59	55.0	640	15.00	0.29	0.84
Forest Oil Corporation	FST		25.24	48.2	1,220	35.00	0.33	0.81
The Houston Exploraton Company	THX		33.90	31.0	1,050	45.00	0.16	0.79
St. Mary Land and Exploration Compan	•		24.90	29.0	720	35.00	0.14	0.75
Total or Median					14,700		0.27	0.93
Long Life								
Ultra Petroleum Corp.	UPL		19.73	78.0	1,540	7.00	0.15	2.55
Quicksilver Resources Inc.	KWK		30.00	20.4	610	25.00	0.35	1.13
Unit Corporation	UNT		19.80	43.6	860	18.00	0.04	1.10
Penn Virginia Corporation	PVA		46.08	9.0	420	45.00	0.06	1.02
Evergreen Resources, Inc.	EVG		27.53	44.0	1,210	30.00	0.10	0.93
Swift Energy Company	SFY		13.82	27.2	380	16.00	0.43	0.92
Magnum Hunter Resources, Inc.	MHR		8.74	69.0	600	11.00	0.45	0.89
Encore Acquisition Corp. (40%)	EAC	В	20.34	11.2	228	24.00	0.18	0.88
Vintage Petroleum, Inc.	VPI		10.43	63.0	660	20.00	0.40	0.71
Total or Median					6,500		0.18	0.93
Canadian Royalty Trusts								
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		27.61	83.7	2,310	20.00	0.16	1.32
Provident Energy Trust	PVX		8.29	68.8	570	6.00	0.25	1.29
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		14.26	112.0	1,600	11.00	0.20	1.24
Canadian Oil Sands Trust (US\$)	COSWF	В	31.10	86.3	2,680	45.00	0.22	0.76
Total or Median					7,200		0.21	1.26
Natural Gas Royalty Trusts								
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust (46%)	HGT		20.99	18.4	390	15.40	-	1.36
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		26.60	6.0	160	20.30	-	1.31
Permian Basin RT (41%)	PBT		8.20	19.1	160	6.50	-	1.26
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		27.20	14.6	400	22.00	-	1.24
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	19.03	46.6	890	18.10	-	1.05
Total or Median					2,000		-	1.26
Micro Cap								
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation	ABP		0.99	30.0	30	1.00	0.85	1.00
Purcell Energy, Ltd. (US\$)	PEL.TO		1.95	27.9	54	2.80	0.32	0.79

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			(\$/sh)	EV/	EV/	Dis	stribution	PV/
	Symbol/		19-Nov	Sales	Ebitda	P/E	NTM	Ebitda
	•	ting	2003	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)	NTM
Short Life								
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		17.85	11.6	13.4	49	7.4	9.8
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		19.29	3.2	6.6	14	-	6.0
Chesapeake Energy Corporation	CHK		12.35	4.2	6.0	14	1.0	6.5
Forest Oil Corporation	FST		25.24	3.6	5.9	19	-	7.2
Westport Resources Corporation	WRC		27.04	3.9	5.6	17	-	6.0
Energy Partners Ltd.	EPL	В	11.71	2.8	4.8	43	-	4.9
Cimarex Energy Company	XEC	В	22.84	3.2	4.3	12	-	5.1
St. Mary Land and Exploration Compa	ny SM		24.90	2.7	4.1	14	0.4	5.5
Denbury Resources Inc.	DNR		11.59	2.8	4.0	8	-	4.8
Spinnaker Exploration Company	SKE		26.17	3.4	3.9	14	-	3.7
Newfield Exploration Company	NFX		40.57	2.9	3.8	8	-	3.8
Stone Energy Company	SGY		36.38	2.8	3.8	8	-	4.5
The Houston Exploraton Company	THX		33.90	2.8	3.4	8	-	4.3
Media	ın			3.2	4.3	14	-	5.1
Long Life								
Ultra Petroleum Corp.	UPL		19.73	16.8	27.1	54	-	10.6
Evergreen Resources, Inc.	EVG		27.53	7.0	10.0	17	-	10.8
Unit Corporation	UNT		19.80	3.6	8.3	21	-	7.6
Quicksilver Resources Inc.	KWK		30.00	5.3	7.9	16	-	7.0
Swift Energy Company	SFY		13.82	4.2	6.3	21	-	6.9
Magnum Hunter Resources, Inc.	MHR		8.74	3.4	5.9	15	-	6.6
Penn Virginia Corporation	PVA		46.08	3.1	5.7	15	2.0	5.6
Encore Acquisition Corp. (40%)	EAC	В	20.34	3.2	4.6	9	-	5.2
Vintage Petroleum, Inc.	VPI		10.43	2.3	4.2	25	1.5	5.9
Media	ın			3.6	6.3	17	-	6.9
Canadian Royalty Trusts								
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		27.61	7.2	9.6	15	11.6	7.3
Canadian Oil Sands Trust (US\$)	COSWF	В	31.10	4.2	8.2	9	4.9	10.9
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		14.26	5.0	7.3	14	12.5	5.9
Provident Energy Trust	PVX		8.29	4.2	6.0	13	15.6	4.7
Natural Gas Royalty Trusts								
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		26.60	8.9	12.8	13	7.7	9.7
Permian Basin RT (41%)	PBT		8.20	7.7	11.0	13	9.1	8.7
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		27.20	10.4	10.8	11	9.2	8.8
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust (46%)	HGT		20.99	7.7	10.6	13	7.5	7.8
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	19.03	7.1	8.8	11	9.5	8.3
Micro Cap								
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation	ABP		0.99	6.8	12.6		_	12.6
Purcell Energy, Ltd. (US\$)	PEL.TO		1.95	3.5	5.3	17	-	6.7
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