

HOUSTON, July 20, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [EP Energy Corp.](#) (NYSE: EPE) today announced it has significantly increased its 2017 oil hedge positions and added 2016 natural gas hedges.

The company now has a weighted average price floor of \$62.34 per barrel (Bbl) on approximately 12.8 million barrels (MMBbl) of oil in 2017. Based on the mid-point of 2016 guidance, this would equate to approximately 75 percent of estimated annual 2017 oil production.

The 2017 oil hedges utilize a combination of fixed price swaps of \$66 per Bbl and three-way collar contracts of \$46x\$61x\$70 per Bbl which together establish improved downside price protection, while providing upside price participation if oil prices recover.

In addition, EP Energy added 2016 natural gas positions which effectively hedge approximately 60 percent of its remaining estimated 2016 natural gas production at \$3.39 per million British thermal units (MMBtu).

The company's hedge position as of June 30, 2016 is detailed in the table below:

	2016	2017
Oil		
Fixed price swap volumes (MMBbls)	7.8	4.0
Three-way collar volumes (MMBbls)		8.8
Total hedged volumes	7.8	12.8
Average floor price (\$/Bbl)	\$ 80.67	\$ 62.34

Natural Gas

Fixed price swap volumes (TBtu)	11.3	-
Average floor price (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 3.39	-

About EP Energy

The EP Energy team has a passion for finding and producing the oil and natural gas that enriches people's lives. As a leading North American oil and natural gas producer, EP Energy has a proven strategy, a significant reserve base, multi-year drilling opportunities, and a strategic presence in a number of the country's leading unconventional resource areas. EP Energy is active in all phases of the E&P value chain—exploring for, acquiring, developing and producing oil and natural gas. For more information about EP Energy, visit [epenergy.com](#).

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