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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

OR

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

For the transition period from to

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RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 34-1312571

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1200, Fort Worth, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

76102 (Zip Code)

(817) 870-2601

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, \$.01 par value New York Stock Exchange
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer

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The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2014 was \$14,270,959,000. This amount is based on the closing price of registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on that date. Shares of common stock held by executive officers and directors of the registrant are not included in the computation. However, the registrant has made no determination that such individuals are "affiliates" within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933.

As of February 23, 2015, there were 168,909,287 shares of Range Resources Corporation Common Stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be furnished to stockholders in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates, are incorporated by reference in Part III, Items 10-14 of this report.

RANGE RESOURCES CORPORATION

Unless the context otherwise indicates, all references in this report to "Range," "we," "us" or "our" are to Range Resources Corporation and its directly and indirectly owned subsidiaries and its ownership interests in equity method investments. Unless otherwise noted, all information in the report relating to natural gas, natural gas liquids and oil reserves and the estimated future net cash flows attributable to those reserves are based on estimates and are net to our interest. If you are not familiar with the oil and gas terms used in this report, please refer to the explanation of such terms under the caption "Glossary of Certain Defined Terms" at the end of Item 15 of this report.

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Disclosures Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, particularly Item 1. and 2. Business and Properties, Item 1A. Risk Factors, Item 3. Legal Proceedings, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and Item 7A. Quantitative Disclosures about Market Risk, includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements typically contain words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "plan," "predict," "target," "project," "could," "should," "would" or similar words, indicating that future outcomes are uncertain. In accordance with "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, these statements are accompanied by cautionary language identifying important factors, though not necessarily all such factors that could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may include, but are not limited to, levels of revenues, income from operations, net income or earnings per share; levels of capital and exploration expenditures; the success or timing of completion of ongoing or anticipated capital; exploration projects; volumes of production or sales of natural gas, natural gas liquids, and crude oil; levels of worldwide prices of crude oil; levels of domestic natural gas prices; levels of natural gas liquids, natural gas and crude oil reserves; the acquisition or divestiture of assets; the potential effect of judicial proceedings on our business and financial condition; and the anticipated effects of actions of third parties such as competitors, or federal, state or local regulatory authorities.

While management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, there can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we anticipate. All comments concerning our expectations for future revenues and operating results are based on our forecasts for our existing operations and do not include the potential impact of any future acquisitions, should we choose to make any. Our forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. For a description of known material factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those in the forward-looking statements, see "Item 1A. Risk Factors."

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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PART I

ITEMS 1 AND 2. BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES

General

Range Resources Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is a Fort Worth, Texas-based independent natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and oil company, engaged in the exploration, development and acquisition of natural gas and oil properties, mostly in the Appalachian and Midcontinent regions of the United States. Our corporate offices are located at 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 (telephone (817) 870-2601). Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "RRC." At December 31, 2014, we had 168.7 million shares outstanding.

Our 2014 production from operations consisted of the following:

·average total production of 1,162.4 Mmcfe per day, an increase of 24% from 2013;

68% natural gas;

total natural gas production of 286.9 Bcf, an increase of 8% from 2013;

total NGLs production of 18.8 Mmbbls (including ethane), an increase of 103% from 2013;

total crude oil production of 4.1 Mmbbls, an increase of 6% from 2013; and

81% of our total production was from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania.

At year-end 2014, our proved reserves had the following characteristics:

10.3 Tcfe of proved reserves;

67% natural gas;

52% proved developed;

96% operated;

86% of proved reserves are in the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania;

- a reserve life index of approximately 22 years (based on fourth quarter 2014 production);
- a pre-tax present value of \$10.1 billion of future net cash flows, discounted at 10% per annum ("PV-10"); and a standardized after-tax measure of discounted future net cash flows of \$7.6 billion.
- (a) PV-10 is considered a non-GAAP financial measure as defined by the SEC. We believe that the presentation of PV-10 is relevant and useful to our investors as supplemental disclosure to the standardized measure, or after-tax amount, because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our proved reserves before taking into account future corporate income taxes and our current tax structure. While the standardized measure is dependent on the unique tax situation of each company, PV-10 is based on prices and discount factors that are consistent for all companies. Because of this, PV-10 can be used within the industry and by creditors and security analysts to evaluate estimated net cash flows from proved reserves on a more comparable basis. The difference between the standardized measure and the PV-10 amount is discounted estimated future income tax of \$2.5 billion at December 31, 2014.

Available Information

Our internet website is available at http://www.rangeresources.com. Information contained on or connected to our website is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this report or any other filing we make with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). We make available, free of charge, on our website, the annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such reports with the SEC. Other information such as presentations, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Dividend Committee, and the Governance and Nominating Committee, and the Code

of Business Conduct and Ethics are available on our website and in print to any stockholder who provides a written request to the Corporate Secretary at 100 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to all directors, officers and employees, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including Range, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any document we file with the SEC at http://www.sec.gov.

Our Business Strategy

Our overarching business objective is to build stockholder value through consistent growth in reserves and production on a cost-efficient basis. Our strategy to achieve our business objective is to increase reserves and production through internally generated drilling projects coupled with occasional complementary acquisitions and occasional divestiture of non-core assets. Our strategy requires us to make significant investments and financial commitments in technical staff, acreage, seismic data, drilling and completion technology and gathering and transportation arrangements to build drilling inventory and market our products. Our strategy has the following key elements:

commit to environmental protection and worker and community safety;

concentrate in core operating areas;

maintain a multi-year drilling inventory;

focus on cost efficiency;

maintain a long-life reserve base;

market our products to a large number of customers in different markets under a variety of commercial terms; maintain operational and financial flexibility; and

provide employee equity ownership and incentive compensation.

Commit to Environmental Protection and Worker and Community Safety. We strive to implement the latest technologies and best commercial practices to minimize adverse impacts from the development of our properties on the environment, worker health and safety and the safety of the communities where we operate. Working with peer companies, regulators, nongovernmental organizations, industries not related to the oil and natural gas industry and other engaged stakeholders, we consistently analyze and review performance while striving for continual improvement. We participate in FracFocus, a national publically accessible web-based registry to report, on a well-by-well basis, the additives and chemicals and amount of water used in the hydraulic fracturing process for each of the wells we operate. We encourage every employee to maintain safe operations, minimize environmental impact and conduct their daily business with the highest ethical standards.

Concentrate in Core Operating Areas. We currently operate in two regions: Appalachia (which includes Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia) and Midcontinent (which includes the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and Southern Kansas). Concentrating our drilling and producing activities in these core areas allows us to develop the regional expertise needed to interpret specific geological and operating conditions and develop economies of scale. Operating in core areas allows us to create a portfolio to assist in our goal of consistent production and reserve growth at attractive returns.

Maintain a Multi-Year Drilling Inventory. We focus on areas with multiple prospective and productive horizons and development opportunities. We use our technical expertise to build and maintain a multi-year drilling inventory. We believe that a large, multi-year inventory of drilling projects increases our ability to efficiently plan for the economic growth of production and reserves. Currently, we have over 10,000 proven and unproven drilling locations in inventory. Our goal is to grow year-over-year production by 20-25% by focusing on developing fields in our operating areas.

Focus on Cost Efficiency. We concentrate in core areas which we believe to have sizeable hydrocarbon deposits in place that will allow us to consistently increase production while controlling costs. As there is little long-term competitive sales price advantage available to a commodity producer, the costs to find, develop, and produce a commodity are important to organizational sustainability and long-term shareholder value creation. We endeavor to control costs such that our cost to find, develop and produce natural gas, NGLs and oil is one of the lowest in the industry. We operate almost all of our total net production and believe that our extensive knowledge of the geologic and operating conditions in the areas where we operate provides us with the ability to achieve operational efficiencies.

Maintain a Long-Life Reserve Base. Long-life natural gas and oil reserves provide a more stable growth platform than short-life reserves. Long-life reserves reduce reinvestment risk as they lessen the amount of reinvestment capital deployed each year to replace production. Long-life natural gas and oil reserves also assist us in minimizing costs as stable production makes it easier to build and maintain operating economies of scale. Long-life reserves also offer upside from technology enhancements. We use our drilling, divestiture and acquisition activities to assist in executing this strategy.

Market our products to a large number of customers in different markets under a variety of commercial terms. We market our natural gas, NGLs, and oil to a large number of customers in both domestic and international markets to maximize price and diversify risk. We hold considerable firm transportation contracts on multiple pipelines to enable us to transport and sell natural gas

and NGLs in the Midwest, Gulf Coast, Southeast, Northeast and international markets. We sell our products under a variety of price indexes and price formulas that assist us in managing regional price differentials and commodity price volatility.

Maintain Operational and Financial Flexibility. Because of the risks involved in drilling, coupled with changing commodity prices, we are flexible and adjust our capital budget throughout the year. If certain areas generate higher than anticipated returns, we may accelerate development in those areas and decrease expenditures elsewhere. We also believe in maintaining a strong balance sheet, ample liquidity and using commodity derivatives to stabilize our realized prices. This provides more consistent cash flows and financial results.

Provide Employee Equity Ownership and Incentive Compensation. We want our employees to think and act like business owners. To achieve this, we reward and encourage them through equity ownership in Range. All full-time employees are eligible to receive equity grants. As of December 31, 2014, our employees owned equity securities in our benefit plans (vested and unvested) that had an aggregate market value of approximately \$227.3 million. Our directors also have equity ownership in Range.

Significant Accomplishments in 2014

Production growth – In 2014, our production averaged 1,162.4 Mmcfe per day, an increase of 24% from 2013. Drilling in the Marcellus Shale play in Pennsylvania drove our production growth.

Reserve growth – Total proved reserves increased 26% in 2014 to 10.3 Tcfe, marking the thirteenth consecutive year our proved reserves have increased. This achievement is the result of continued drilling success, as the majority of our production and reserve growth in 2014 came from our drilling program. While consistent growth is challenging to sustain, we believe the quality of our technical teams and our substantial inventory of high quality drilling locations provide the basis for future reserve and production growth.

Successful drilling program – In 2014, we drilled 255 gross natural gas and oil wells plus an additional 2 service wells. We replaced 565% of our production through drilling in 2014 and our overall drilling success rate was 99%. We continue to build our drilling inventory which is critical to our ability to drill a large number of wells each year on a cost effective and efficient basis. We drilled our first Utica/ Point Pleasant well located in Washington County, Pennsylvania, which achieved an average 24-hour test rate of 59.0 Mmcf per day during the initial flow back. We believe this well represents the highest initial production rate of any reported Utica well.

Large resource potential – Maintaining a large exposure to potential resources is important. We continued expansion of our unconventional resource shale plays in 2014. We have four large unconventional and prospective plays – the Marcellus, Utica/Point Pleasant and Upper Devonian shales in Pennsylvania and the Huron Shale in Virginia. These plays cover expansive areas, provide multi-year drilling opportunities and, collectively, have sustainable lower risk growth profiles. The economics of these plays have been enhanced by continued advancements in drilling and completion technologies. We have leased 1.4 million net acres in our four shale plays. We also have approximately 278,000 net acres in our coal bed methane plays in Virginia.

Continued development of processing, pipeline takeaway capacity and marketing of NGLs – We continue to ensure we have sufficient processing capacity and marketing agreements in place for our Pennsylvania production. In 2012, we entered into a fifteen year agreement ("Mariner East") to transport ethane and propane from the tailgate of a third-party processing plant to a terminal and dock facility near Philadelphia. In the last few weeks of December 2014, line fill on the propane portion of this pipeline was completed with propane delivered to storage caverns to be sold at a later date. We expect both propane and ethane operations on Mariner East to be fully functional by the end of third quarter 2015. During 2014, we entered into additional firm transportation agreements to provide gas gathering and transportation from southwestern and northeastern Pennsylvania. At December 31, 2014, our agreements provide commitments that total 3.3 Bcfe per day.

Focus on financial flexibility – We ended the year with less debt than year-end 2013. Debt per mcfe of proved reserves was \$0.30 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$0.38 at December 31, 2013. In June 2014, we redeemed all \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 8.0% senior subordinated notes due 2019 with proceeds received of \$397 million from a public offering of our common stock. As of December 31, 2014, we maintain a \$4.0 billion bank credit facility, with a current borrowing base of \$3.0 billion and our committed borrowing capacity on that date was \$2.0 billion.

Land acquisitions completed – In 2014, we leased or renewed \$226.5 million of acreage located in our core areas, primarily in the Marcellus Shale. We continue to see outstanding results in the Marcellus Shale. Production in the Marcellus Shale increased 32% while we continue to prove up acreage, acquire additional acreage and gain access to additional pipeline and processing capacity.

Acquisitions and dispositions completed – In June 2014, we sold our Conger assets in Glasscock and Sterling Counties, Texas in exchange for producing properties and other assets in Virginia and \$145.0 million in cash, before closing adjustments (the "Conger Exchange"). We recognized a pre-tax gain of \$282.7 million related to the Conger Exchange in

the year ended December 31, 2014. We also received \$28.8 million of additional proceeds during the year primarily related to the sale of miscellaneous proved and unproved properties. Industry Operating Environment

We operate entirely within the continental United States. The oil and natural gas industry is affected by many factors that we cannot control. Government regulations, particularly in the areas of taxation, energy, climate change and the environment, can have a significant impact on operations and profitability. The impact of these factors is extremely difficult to accurately predict or anticipate. It is difficult for us to predict the occurrence of events that may affect commodity prices or the degree to which these prices will be affected; however, the prices we receive for the commodities we produce will generally approximate current market prices in the geographic region of the production.

Natural gas prices are generally determined by North American supply and demand. The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") monthly settlement prices for natural gas averaged \$4.37 per mcf in 2014, with a high of \$5.56 per mcf in February and a low of \$3.73 per mcf in November. Recently, natural gas prices have declined significantly, with the monthly settlement price for natural gas falling from \$4.28 per mcf in December 2014 to \$2.87 per mcf in February 2015. Natural gas prices continue to be under pressure due to concerns over excess supply of natural gas due to the high productivity of shale plays in the United States outpacing demand. Historically, the demand for drilling rigs, oilfield supplies and drill pipe is expected to decline with falling commodity prices but such declines tend to lag behind the declines in natural gas and crude oil prices.

Significant factors that will impact 2015 crude oil prices include worldwide economic conditions, political and economic developments in the Middle East, demand in Asian and European markets, and the extent to which members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other oil exporting nations choose to manage oil supply through export quotas. NYMEX monthly settlement prices for oil averaged \$92.64 per barrel in 2014, with a high of \$105.15 per barrel in June and a low of \$59.29 per barrel in December. Recently, crude oil prices have declined significantly, with the monthly settlement price for crude oil falling from \$75.81 per barrel in November 2014 to \$47.33 per barrel in January 2015.

NGLs prices are generally determined by North American supply and demand. We expect NGLs prices in 2015 to continue to be under pressure due to concerns over excess supply.

Natural gas, NGLs and oil prices affect:

the amount of cash flow available to us for capital expenditures; our ability to borrow and raise additional capital; the quantity of natural gas, NGLs and oil that we can economically produce; and revenues and profitability.

Natural gas and NGLs prices are likely to affect us more than oil prices because approximately 97% of our proved reserves is natural gas and NGLs. Any continued or extended decline in natural gas, NGLs and oil prices could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and access to capital. To achieve more predictable cash flows and to reduce our exposure to downward price fluctuations, we currently, and may in the future, use derivative instruments to hedge future sales prices on our natural gas, NGLs and oil production. The use of derivative instruments has in the past and may in the future, prevent us from realizing the full benefit of upward price movements but also partially protect us from declining price movements.

Segment and Geographical Information

Our operations consist of one reportable segment. We have a single, company-wide management team that administers all properties as a whole rather than by discrete operating segments. We track only basic operational data

by area. We do not maintain complete separate financial statement information by area. We measure financial performance as a single enterprise and not on an area-by-area basis. Our operations are limited to the United States and we focus on both unconventional resource plays and conventional plays in the Appalachian and Midcontinent regions of the United States.

Outlook for 2015

Our capital expenditure budget for 2015 has been set at approximately \$870 million. As has been our historical practice, we will periodically review our capital expenditures throughout the year and may adjust the budget based on commodity prices, drilling success and markets for our products. At December 31, 2014, we have entered into hedging agreements covering 229.7 Bcfe for 2015. Since year-end 2014, we have entered into additional natural gas and NGLs hedges for 2015, 2016 and 2017. For a complete discussion of our hedging activities, a listing of open contracts at December 31, 2014 and the estimated fair value of these contracts as of that date, see Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements. Recently, natural gas and crude oil prices have dropped significantly. In response to the weakened natural gas and crude oil market, we lowered our capital expenditure budget that was announced in December 2014 from \$1.3 billion to \$870 million and we have announced a plan to close our Oklahoma City administrative and operations office by mid-2015 to reduce general and administrative expenses. These properties will be operated out of our Fort Worth offices. Our estimated 2015 capital expenditure budget detail and budget by area are shown below:

Production, Price and Cost History

The following table sets forth information regarding natural gas, NGLs and oil production, realized prices and production costs for the last three years. For more information, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2014	2013	2012			
Production						
Natural gas (Mmcf)	286,926	264,528	216,555			
Natural gas liquids (Mbbls)	18,821	9,255	6,967			
Crude oil and condensate (Mbbls)	4,070	3,827	2,851			
Total (Mmcfe) (a)	424,267	343,022	275,465			
Average sales prices (wellhead)						
Natural gas (per mcf)	\$3.98	\$3.61	\$2.83			
Natural gas liquids (per bbl)	23.60	34.07	38.05			
Crude oil and condensate (per bbl)	77.80	86.00	83.46			
Total (per mcfe) (a)	4.48	4.66	4.05			
Average realized prices (including derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting):						
Natural gas (per mcf)	\$3.99	\$4.03	\$3.93			
Natural gas liquids (per bbl)	23.60	34.07	38.05			
Crude oil and condensate (per bbl)	79.16	87.47	82.77			
Total (per mcfe) (a)		5.00	4.91			
Average realized prices (including all derivative settlements and third party						
transportation costs)						
Natural gas (per mcf)	\$2.80	\$3.08	\$3.11			
Natural gas liquids (per bbl)	22.04	31.29	41.03			
Crude oil and condensate (per bbl)	79.75	84.70	83.64			
Total (per mcfe) (a)	3.64	4.16	4.35			
Direct operating costs						
Lease operating (per mcfe)	\$0.31	\$0.34	\$0.39			
Workovers (per mcfe)	0.03	0.02	0.02			
Stock-based compensation (per mcfe)	0.01	0.01	0.01			

Total (per mcfe) \$0.35 \$0.37 \$0.42

(a) Oil and NGLs are converted at the rate of one barrel equals six mcf based upon the approximate relative energy content of oil to natural gas, which is not indicative of the relationship of oil and natural gas prices.Proved Reserves

The following table sets forth our estimated proved reserves for year ended 2014, 2013 and 2012 based on the average of prices on the first day of each month of the given calendar year, in accordance with the SEC rules. Oil includes both crude oil and condensate. We have no natural gas, NGLs or oil reserves from non-traditional sources. Additionally, we do not provide optional disclosures of probable or possible reserves.

Summary of Oil and Gas Reserves as of Year-End Based on Average Prices