

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.  
Form 8-K  
July 06, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 6, 2016**

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1-11727**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**  
**8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600,**

**73-1493906**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification Number)**

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**Dallas, Texas 75225**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(214) 981-0700**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

***Equity Distribution Agreement***

On July 6, 2016, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (the Partnership) entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement (the Agreement) with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Banca IMI Securities Corp., Barclays Capital Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Natixis Securities Americas LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC, UBS Securities LLC, USCA Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (the Sales Agents). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Partnership may sell from time to time through the Sales Agents the Partnership's common units representing limited partner interests having an aggregate offering price of up to \$1,500,000,000 (the Units). Sales of the Units, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on the New York Stock Exchange at market prices, in block transactions or as otherwise agreed by the Partnership and the Sales Agents.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Partnership may also sell Units from time to time to any Sales Agent as principal for its own account at a price to be agreed upon at the time of sale. Any sale of Units to any such Sales Agent as principal would be pursuant to the terms of a separate terms agreement between the Partnership and such Sales Agent.

The Units will be issued pursuant to the Partnership's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-211253), as amended.

The summary of the Agreement in this report does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to such agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto. Legal opinions relating to the Units are included as Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1 hereto.

***Relationships***

The Sales Agents and their related entities have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and commercial and investment banking services for us and our affiliates, for which they have received and in the future will receive customary compensation and expense reimbursement.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

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1.1	Equity Distribution Agreement, dated July 6, 2016 by and among the Partnership and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Banca IMI Securities Corp., Barclays Capital Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Natixis Securities Americas LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC, UBS Securities LLC, USCA Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.

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- 5.1 Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. regarding legality of the Units.
- 8.1 Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. regarding tax matters.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.**

By: Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.,  
its general partner

By: Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C.,  
its general partner

Date: July 6, 2016

/s/ Thomas E. Long  
Thomas E. Long  
Chief Financial Officer

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