

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**

**November 21, 2016**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**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)**

**73-1493906**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600,**  
**Dallas, Texas 75225**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**

**(214) 981-0700**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## **Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 21, 2016, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (“ETP”) and Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (“SXL”) issued a press release announcing their entry into a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which a wholly owned subsidiary of SXL will merge with and into ETP, with ETP as the surviving entity and wholly-owned subsidiary of SXL. Under the terms of the definitive merger agreement, holders of ETP common units will receive 1.50 common units of SXL in exchange for each ETP common unit. The full text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and the attached Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## **Item 8.01. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

To the extent required, the information included in Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 8.01.

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This report includes “forward-looking” statements. Forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Statements using words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “intend,” “project,” “plan,” “expect,” “continue,” “estimate,” “goal,” “forecast,” “may” or similar expressions help identify forward-looking statements. SXL and ETP cannot give any assurance that expectations and projections about future events will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These risks and uncertainties include the risks that the proposed transaction may not be consummated or the benefits contemplated therefrom may not be realized. Additional risks include: the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and unitholder approval and the satisfaction of the other conditions to the consummation of the proposed transaction, the ability of SXL to successfully integrate ETP’s operations and employees and realize anticipated synergies and cost savings, the potential impact of the announcement or consummation of the proposed transaction on relationships, including with employees, suppliers, customers, competitors and credit rating agencies, the ability to achieve revenue, DCF and EBITDA growth, and volatility in the price of oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids. Actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. These and other risks and uncertainties are discussed in more detail in filings made by SXL and ETP with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), which are available to the public. SXL and ETP undertake no obligation to update publicly or to revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

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#### Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

3807 West Chester Pike  
Newtown Square, PA 19073  
Attention: Investor Relations  
Phone: 866-248-4344  
Email: [IR@sunocologistics.com](mailto:IR@sunocologistics.com)

#### Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

8111 Westchester Drive  
Dallas, TX 75225  
Attention: Investor Relations  
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Email: [InvestorRelations@energytransfer.com](mailto:InvestorRelations@energytransfer.com)

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

SXL, ETP and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of SXL is contained in SXL’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2016. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of ETP is contained in ETP’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of the Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release dated November 21, 2016

## 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

By: /s/ Thomas E. Long

Thomas E. Long

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 21, 2016

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Press Release dated November 21, 2016



**Sunoco Logistics**



**ENERGY TRANSFER**

## **Sunoco Logistics to Acquire Energy Transfer Partners**

### **Transaction Expected to be Immediately Accretive to SXL Distributable Cash Flow**

**Newtown Square, PA and Dallas, TX – November 21, 2016 – Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL) and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP)** today announced that they have entered into a merger agreement providing for the acquisition of ETP by SXL in a unit-for-unit transaction. The transaction was approved by the boards of directors and conflicts committees of both partnerships and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017, subject to receipt of ETP unitholder approval and other customary closing conditions.

Under the terms of the transaction, ETP unitholders will receive 1.5 common units of SXL for each common unit of ETP they own. This equates to a 10% premium to the volume weighted average pricing of ETP's common units for the last 30 trading days immediately prior to the announcement of the transaction.

As SXL will be the acquiring entity, the existing incentive distribution rights provisions in the SXL partnership agreement will continue to be in effect, and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE) will own the incentive distribution rights of SXL following the closing of the transaction. As part of this transaction, ETE has agreed to continue to provide all the incentive distribution right subsidies that are currently in effect with respect to both partnerships. The transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to SXL's distributable cash flow per common unit and is also expected to allow the combined partnership to be in position to achieve near-term distribution increases in the low double digits and a more than 1.0x distribution coverage ratio.

The transaction is expected to provide significant benefits for SXL and ETP unitholders as the combined partnership will have increased scale and diversification across multiple producing basins and will have greater opportunities to more closely integrate SXL's natural gas liquids business with ETP's natural gas gathering, processing and transportation business. With this transaction, SXL and ETP expect to build upon their experience working together as partners in several joint ventures to pursue commercial opportunities and to achieve cost savings while enhancing the service capabilities for their customers. SXL and ETP expect that the transaction will allow for commercial synergies and costs savings in excess of \$200 million annually by 2019.

The transaction is also expected to strengthen the balance sheet of the combined organization by utilizing cash distribution savings to reduce debt and to fund a portion of the growth capital expenditure programs of the two partnerships. ETP and SXL have spent approximately \$15 billion in organic growth capital over the past several years, and these expenditures, combined with the completion of other major capital projects currently in progress, are expected to continue to generate strong distributable cash flow growth.

Both ETP and SXL management teams are pleased to be able to bring two strong partnerships together in this strategic transaction that combines the premier crude oil midstream MLP with the premier natural gas midstream MLP. The combined partnership is expected to be the second largest MLP as measured by enterprise value.

At the closing of the transaction, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Commercial Officer, President and Chief Financial Officer of the combined partnership will be Kelcy Warren, Mackie McCrea, Matt Ramsey and Tom Long, respectively, and it is expected that Mike Hennigan and other members of the SXL management team will continue in leading management roles of the combined company with the SXL business headquartered in Philadelphia.

SXL and ETP will hold a joint conference call to discuss the transaction details on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time (4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). An investor presentation will be posted to the partnerships' websites and filed with the SEC on a Form 8-K.

The dial-in number for the call is 1-877-524-8416. The investor presentation and a live webcast of the call may be accessed on the investor relations page of SXL's website at [www.sunocologistics.com](http://www.sunocologistics.com) or ETP's website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com). The call will be available for replay on those sites or by dialing 1-877-660-6853. A replay of the broadcast will also be available on SXL's and ETP's websites for a limited time.

#### Advisors

Latham & Watkins LLP acted as legal counsel to ETP. Vinson & Elkins LLP acted as legal counsel to SXL. Barclays acted as financial advisor and Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP acted as legal counsel to ETP's conflicts committee. Citi acted as financial advisor and Richards Layton & Finger, P.A. acted as legal counsel to SXL's conflicts committee.

#### About Energy Transfer Partners

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) is a master limited partnership that owns and operates one of the largest and most diversified portfolios of energy assets in the United States. ETP's subsidiaries include Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (the successor of Southern Union Company) and Lone Star NGL LLC, which owns and operates natural gas liquids storage, fractionation and transportation assets. In total, ETP currently owns and operates more than 62,500 miles of natural gas and natural gas liquids pipelines. ETP also owns the general partner, 100% of the incentive distribution rights, and approximately 67.1 million common units in Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL), which operates a geographically diverse portfolio of crude oil and refined products pipelines, terminalling and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets. ETP's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. For more information, visit the Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com).

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL) is a master limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business consisting of a geographically diverse portfolio of complementary pipeline, terminalling, and acquisition and marketing assets which are used to facilitate the purchase and sale of crude oil, refined products, and natural gas liquids, and refined products. SXL's general partner is a consolidated subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP). For more information, visit the Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. website at [www.sunocologistics.com](http://www.sunocologistics.com).

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE) is a master limited partnership that owns the general partner and 100% of the incentive distribution rights (IDRs) of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) and Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN). ETE also owns approximately 2.6 million ETP common units and approximately 81.0 million ETP Class H Units, which track 90% of the underlying economics of the general partner interest and IDRs of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL). On a consolidated basis, ETE's family of companies owns and operates approximately 71,000 miles of natural gas, natural gas liquids, refined products, and crude oil pipelines. For more information, visit the Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com).

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The information contained in this press release is available on ETP's website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com) and on the SXL website at [www.sunocologistics.com](http://www.sunocologistics.com).

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Energy Transfer

Investor Relations:

Lyndsay Hannah, 214-981-0795

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Vicki Granado, 214-599-8785

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Sunoco Logistics

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Peter Gvazdauskas, 215-977-6322

or

Media Relations:

Jeff Shields, 215-977-6056

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