
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): March 24, 2017

ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
**(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)**

1-11727
**(Commission
File Number)**

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

**8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600,
Dallas, Texas 75225**
(Address of principal executive office) (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:

- ☒ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - ☒ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - ☐ 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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 24, 2017, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (“ETP”) and Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (“SXL”) issued a press release announcing that SXL’s Registration Statement on Form S-4 has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and that ETP has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC for the special meeting of its unitholders to vote on the previously announced merger transaction between SXL and ETP. The press release also announced that the special meeting of ETP unitholders will be held on April 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at Hilton Dallas Park Cities Hotel, 5954 Luther Lane, Dallas, Texas 75225, Miramar Conference Room.

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 Other Events

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 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

SXL has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, which includes a proxy statement of ETP that also constitutes a prospectus of SXL (the “Proxy Statement/Prospectus”). The registration statement on Form S-4 was declared effective by the SEC on March 24, 2017, and the definitive Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be delivered to ETP common unitholders of record as of February 27, 2017. SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT REGARDING THE TRANSACTION CAREFULLY WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. These documents (when they become available), and any other documents filed by SXL or ETP with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website, at www.sec.gov. In addition, the definitive Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC are available free of charge on ETP’s website at www.energytransfer.com within the “Investor Relations” section, and investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus by phone, e-mail or written request by contacting the investor relations department of SXL or ETP at the following:

Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

3807 West Chester Pike

Newtown Square, PA

Attention: Investor Relations

Phone: 215-977-6322

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

811 Westchester Drive, Suite 600

Dallas, TX 75225

Attention: Investor Relations

Phone: 214-981-0795

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, 2016, which was filed with the SEC on February 24, 2017. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of ETP is contained in ETP's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which was filed with the SEC on February 24, 2017. 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

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

99.1

Press Release dated March 24, 2017

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: March 24, 2017

By: /S/ THOMAS E. LONG

Name: Thomas E. Long

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated March 24, 2017



**SUNOCO LOGISTICS AND ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS ANNOUNCE FORM S-4
REGISTRATION STATEMENT DECLARED EFFECTIVE BY SEC**

Dallas, TX & Newtown Square, PA. – March 24, 2017 – Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL) and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) today announced that SXL’s Registration Statement on Form S-4 has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and that ETP has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC for the special meeting of its unitholders to vote on the previously announced merger transaction between SXL and ETP.

The special meeting of ETP unitholders will be held on April 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at Hilton Dallas Park Cities Hotel, 5954 Luther Lane, Dallas, Texas 75225, Miramar Conference Room. All ETP common unitholders of record as of the close of business on February 27, 2017, which is the record date for the special meeting, will be entitled to vote their common units at the special meeting. The approval of the proposal to adopt the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the outstanding ETP common units.

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, upon completion of the merger, 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 price of ETP’s common units for the 30 trading days immediately prior to the announcement of the transaction.

SXL and ETP expect the transaction to close in April 2017, subject to certain closing conditions under the terms of the merger agreement, including receipt of the required approval by ETP’s unitholders and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

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.

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, 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.

Forward-Looking Statements

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The information contained in this press release is available on ETP’s website at www.energytransfer.com and on the SXL website at www.sunocologistics.com.

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Energy Transfer

Investor Relations:

Helen Ryoo, Lyndsay Hannah, Brent Ratliff, 214-981-0795

or

Media Relations:

Vicki Granado, 214-981-0761

or

Sunoco Logistics

Investor Relations:

Peter Gvazdauskas, 215-977-6322

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Jeff Shields, 215-977-6056