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

March 16, 2016 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32740 (Commission File Number) **30-0108820** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 16, 2016, Richard D. Brannon was appointed to the Board of Directors of LE GP, LLC, the general partner of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the "Partnership") by the members of LE GP, LLC pursuant to the provisions of the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of LE GP, LLC. Mr. Brannon previously served on the Board of Directors of Sunoco LP, the general partner of which is owned by the Partnership.

Mr. Brannon will receive compensation for his services as director consistent with that provided to other non-employee directors, as previously disclosed in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

There have not been any transactions since the beginning of the Partnership's last fiscal year, nor are there any proposed transactions, in which the Partnership was or is to be a participant involving amounts exceeding \$120,000 and in which Mr. Brannon had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. There are no arrangements or understandings with ETE, or any other persons, pursuant to which Mr. Brannon was appointed as a director of LE GP, LLC.

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 Equity, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: <u>/s/ John W. McReynolds</u> John W. McReynolds President

Date: March 17, 2016