# 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 5, 2014

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)

3738 Oak Lawn Avenue
Dallas, TX 75219
(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))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 5, 2014, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the "Partnership") issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2014. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 2.02 and in the attached exhibit shall be deemed to be "furnished" and not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) **Exhibits.** In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

**Exhibit Number Description of the Exhibit** 

Exhibit 99.1 Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. Press Release dated November 5, 2014

#### **SIGNATURE**

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, L.L.C., its General Partner

Date: November 5, 2014 By: /s/ Jamie Welch

Jamie Welch

Chief Financial Officer (duly

authorized to sign on behalf of the registrant)

#### **Exhibit Index**

**Exhibit Number Description of the Exhibit** 

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### ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY REPORTS THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Dallas - November 5, 2014 - Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE:ETE) ("ETE" or the "Partnership") today reported financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, for the three months ended September 30, 2014 was \$234 million compared to \$211 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$23 million. ETE's net income attributable to partners was \$188 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to \$151 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$37 million.

Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$652 million compared to \$569 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$83 million. ETE's net income attributable to partners was \$520 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to \$368 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$152 million.

The Partnership's recent key accomplishments include the following:

- In October, ETE's Board of Directors approved its eighth consecutive increase in its quarterly distribution to \$0.415 per unit (\$1.66 annualized) on ETE common units for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Based on the increased distribution rate, ETE's distribution coverage ratio was 1.04x for the quarter.
- In October 2014, the Partnership, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ("ETP") and Phillips 66 announced that they have formed two joint ventures to develop the previously announced Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") and Energy Transfer Crude Oil Pipeline ("ETCOP") projects. ETE and ETP will hold an aggregate interest of 75% in each joint venture and will operate both pipeline systems. Phillips 66 owns the remaining 25% interests and will fund its proportionate share of the construction costs. The DAPL and ETCOP projects are expected to begin commercial operations in the fourth quarter of 2016.

The Partnership has scheduled a conference call for 8:00 a.m. Central Time, Thursday, November 6, 2014 to discuss its third quarter 2014 results. The conference call will be broadcast live via an internet web cast, which can be accessed through <a href="www.energytransfer.com">www.energytransfer.com</a> and will also be available for replay on the Partnership's website for a limited time.

The Partnership's principal sources of cash flow are the distributions it receives related to its direct and indirect investments in ETP and Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency"), including 100% of ETP's and Regency's general partner interest and incentive distribution rights, ETP common units, Regency common units, ETP Class H Units, and the Partnership's ownership of Lake Charles LNG Company, LLC (previously named Trunkline LNG Company, LLC). The Partnership's primary cash requirements are for general and administrative expenses, debt service requirements and distributions to its partners.

**Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.** (NYSE:ETE) is a master limited partnership which owns the general partner and 100% of the incentive distribution rights (IDRs) of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP), approximately 30.8 million ETP common units, and approximately 50.2 million ETP Class H Units, which track 50% of the underlying economics of the general partner interest and IDRs of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL). ETE also owns the general partner and 100% of the IDRs of Regency Energy Partners LP (NYSE: RGP) and approximately 57.2 million RGP common units. 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. web site at <a href="https://www.energytransfer.com">www.energytransfer.com</a>.

**Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE:ETP)** is a master limited partnership owning and operating one of the largest and most diversified portfolios of energy assets in the United States. ETP currently owns and operates approximately 35,000 miles of natural gas and natural gas liquids pipelines. ETP owns 100% of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (the successor of Southern

Union Company) and a 70% interest in Lone Star NGL LLC, a joint venture that owns and operates natural gas liquids storage, fractionation and transportation assets. 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 owns 100% of Sunoco, Inc. and 100% of Susser Holdings Corporation. Additionally ETP owns the general partner, 100% of the incentive distribution rights and approximately 44% of the limited partnership interests in Sunoco LP (formerly Susser Petroleum Partners LP) (NYSE: SUN), a wholesale fuel distributor and convenience store operator. ETP's general partner is owned by ETE. For more information, visit the Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. web site at <a href="https://www.energytransfer.com">www.energytransfer.com</a>.

Regency Energy Partners LP (NYSE: RGP) is a growth-oriented, master limited partnership engaged in the gathering and processing, compression, treating and transportation of natural gas; the transportation, fractionation and storage of natural gas liquids; the gathering, transportation and terminaling of oil (crude and/or condensate) received from producers; and the management of coal and natural resource properties in the United States. Regency's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE). For more information, visit the Regency Energy Partners LP web site at <a href="https://www.regencyenergy.com">www.regencyenergy.com</a>.

**Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE:SXL)**, headquartered in Philadelphia, is a master limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business consisting of a geographically diverse portfolio of complementary crude oil, refined products, and natural gas liquids 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. SXL's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP). For more information, visit the Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P. web site at <a href="https://www.sunocologistics.com">www.sunocologistics.com</a>.

**Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN)** is a master limited partnership that primarily distributes motor fuel to convenience stores, independent dealers, commercial customers and distributors. Sunoco LP also operates more than 100 convenience stores and retail fuel sites. Sunoco LP's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE:ETP). For more information, visit the Sunoco LP web site at <a href="https://www.sunocolp.com">www.sunocolp.com</a>.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include certain statements concerning expectations for the future that are forward-looking statements as defined by federal law. Such forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond management's control. An extensive list of factors that can affect future results are discussed in the Partnership's Annual Reports on Form 10-K and other documents filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Partnership undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect new information or events.

The information contained in this press release is available on our web site at www.energytransfer.com.

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## ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions) (unaudited)

	Septen	nber 30, 2014	December 31, 2013		
<u>ASSETS</u>					
CURRENT ASSETS	\$	8,042	\$	6,536	
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net		38,737		30,682	
ADVANCES TO AND INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES		3,633		4,014	
NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSETS		1		18	
GOODWILL		7,867		5,894	
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net		5,504		2,264	
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, net		897		922	
Total assets	\$	64,681	\$	50,330	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	8,431	\$	6,500	
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LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities		28,508		22,562	
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES		4,230		3,865	
NON-CURRENT PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT LIABILITIES		112		73	
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,060		1,019	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
PREFERRED UNITS OF SUBSIDIARY		32		32	
REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST		15			
		10			
EQUITY:					
Total partners' capital		709		1,078	
Noncontrolling interest		21,584		15,201	
Total equity		22,293		16,279	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	64,681	\$	50,330	
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## ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In millions, except per unit data) (unaudited)

	Three Mo Septen			Nine Moi Septen	 
	2014		2013	 2014	2013
REVENUES	\$ 14,987	\$	12,486	\$ 42,210	\$ 35,728
COSTS AND EXPENSES:					
Cost of products sold	13,015		11,064	36,808	31,436
Operating expenses	540		419	1,359	1,178
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	425		332	1,248	962
Selling, general and administrative	185		142	 490	 448
Total costs and expenses	14,165		11,957	 39,905	34,024
OPERATING INCOME	822		529	2,305	1,704
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):					
Interest expense, net of interest capitalized	(356)		(298)	(1,015)	(913)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	84		38	265	182
Gains (losses) on extinguishments of debt	2		_	2	(7)
Gains (losses) on interest rate derivatives	(25)		3	(73)	55
Gain on sale of AmeriGas common units	14		87	177	87
Other, net	(15)		33	(38)	_
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	526		392	1,623	1,108
Income tax expense from continuing operations	56		49	271	136
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	 470		343	1,352	 972
Income from discontinued operations	_		13	66	44
NET INCOME	 470		356	 1,418	 1,016
LESS: NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTEREST	282		205	898	648
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTNERS	 188	_	151	 520	 368
GENERAL PARTNER'S INTEREST IN NET INCOME	_		1	1	1
CLASS D UNITHOLDER INTEREST IN NET INCOME	<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>	1	_
LIMITED PARTNERS' INTEREST IN NET INCOME	\$ 188	\$	150	\$ 518	\$ 367
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT:					
Basic	\$ 0.35	\$	0.26	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.62
Diluted	\$ 0.35	\$	0.26	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.62
NET INCOME PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT:					
Basic	\$ 0.35	\$	0.27	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.65
Diluted	\$ 0.35	\$	0.27	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF UNITS OUTSTANDING:					
Basic	538.8		561.4	546.6	560.8
Diluted	539.9		561.4	547.6	560.8
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#### ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P. DISTRIBUTABLE CASH FLOW

(Tabular dollar amounts in millions) (unaudited)

		Three Mo Septer			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2014		2013		2014		2013
"Distributable Cash Flow," "Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted," and "Distribution Coverage Ratio" (1):								
Cash distributions from ETP associated with:								
Limited partner interest	\$	30	\$	45	\$	88	\$	223
General partner interest		6		5		16		15
Incentive distribution rights		200		165		546		528
IDR relinquishments		(67)		(21)		(182)		(107)
Class H Units ( $50.05\%$ general partner interest and incentive distribution rights distributions from SXL)		56		51		159		51
Distributions credited to Holdco consideration (2)		_		_		_		(68)
Total cash distributions from ETP		225		245		627		642
Cash distributions from Regency associated with:								
Limited partner interest		29		12		70		36
General partner interest		2		1		4		3
Incentive distribution rights		8		3		23		8
IDR relinquishment		(1)		(1)		(2)		(2)
Total cash distributions from Regency		38		15		95		45
Cash dividends from Holdco		_		_		_		50
Total cash distributions and dividends from ETP, Regency and Holdco		263		260		722		737
Distributable cash flow attributable to Lake Charles LNG $^{(3)}$		51		_		146		_
Deduct expenses of the Parent Company on a stand-alone basis:								
Selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding non-cash compensation expense		(3)		(3)		(10)		(28)
Management fee to ETP (4)		(24)		(5)		(71)		(10)
Interest expense, net of amortization of financing costs, interest income, and realized gains and losses on interest rate swaps		(55)		(43)		(141)		(149)
Distributable Cash Flow	-	232		209		646		550
Transaction-related expenses		2		2		6		19
Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted	\$	234	\$	211	\$	652	\$	569
Cash distributions to be paid to the partners of ETE:								
Distributions to be paid to limited partners	\$	224	\$	189	\$	624	\$	554
Distributions to be paid to general partner		1		_		2		1
Distributions to be paid to Class D unitholder		1		_		2		_
Total cash distributions to be paid to the partners of ETE	\$	226	\$	189	\$	628	\$	555
Distribution coverage ratio (5)		1.04x	_	1.12x	_	1.04x		1.03x
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP "Distributable Cash Flow" and "Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted" to GAAP "Net income" (1):								
Net income attributable to partners	\$	188	\$	151	\$	520	\$	368
Equity in income related to investments in ETP, Regency and Holdco		(229)		(207)		(639)		(573)

Distri	butable Cash Flow, as adjusted	\$ 234	\$ 211	\$ 652	\$ 569
Ti	ransaction-related expenses	2	2	6	19
Distri	butable Cash Flow	232	209	646	550
	Other non-cash (excluding ETP, Regency and Holdco)	8	_	37	(5)
	Fair value adjustment of ETE Preferred Units	_	_	_	9
	Amortization included in interest expense (excluding ETP and Regency)	2	5	6	14
	Total cash distributions and dividends from ETP, Regency and Holdco	263	260	722	737

(1) This press release and accompanying schedules include the non-generally accepted accounting principle ("non-GAAP") financial measure of Distributable Cash Flow. The schedule above provides a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to its most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. The Partnership's Distributable Cash Flow should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP financial measures such as net income, cash flow from operating activities or any other GAAP measure of liquidity or financial performance.

<u>Distributable Cash Flow.</u> The Partnership defines Distributable Cash Flow for a period as cash distributions expected to be received from ETP and Regency in respect of such period in connection with the Partnership's investments in limited and general partner interests of ETP (including the ETP Class H units which track the general partner and IDRs in Sunoco Logistic Partners L.P.) and Regency, net of the Partnership's cash expenditures for general and administrative costs and interest expense. The Partnership's definition of Distributable Cash Flow also includes distributable cash flow from Lake Charles LNG to the Partnership beginning January 1, 2014. Distributable Cash Flow for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 also included Holdco until ETE's 60% interest in Holdco was contributed to ETP on April 30, 2013.

Distributable Cash Flow is a significant liquidity measure used by the Partnership's senior management to compare net cash flows generated by the Partnership to the distributions the Partnership expects to pay its unitholders. Using this measure, the Partnership's management can compute the coverage ratio of estimated cash flows for a period to planned cash distributions for such period.

Distributable Cash Flow is also an important non-GAAP financial measure for our limited partners since it indicates to investors whether the Partnership's investments are generating cash flows at a level that can sustain or support an increase in quarterly cash distribution levels. Financial measures such as Distributable Cash Flow are quantitative standards used by the investment community with respect to publicly traded partnerships because the value of a partnership unit is in part measured by its yield (which in turn is based on the amount of cash distributions a partnership can pay to a unitholder). The GAAP measure most directly comparable to Distributable Cash Flow is net income for ETE on a stand-alone basis ("Parent Company"). The accompanying analysis of Distributable Cash Flow is presented for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 for comparative purposes.

Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted. The Partnership defines Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, for a period as cash distributions expected to be received from ETP and Regency in respect of such period in connection with the Partnership's investments in limited and general partner interests of ETP (including the ETP Class H units which track the general partner and IDRs in Sunoco Logistic Partners L.P.) and Regency, plus, beginning in 2014, distributable cash flow from Lake Charles LNG and, for 2013, dividends from Holdco (as described in the definition of Distributable Cash Flow above), net of the Partnership's cash expenditures for general and administrative costs and interest expense, excluding certain items, such as transaction-related expenses. Due to the cash expenses incurred from time to time in connection with the Partnership's merger and acquisition activities and other transactions, Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 is a significant liquidity measure used by the Partnership's senior management to compare net cash flows generated by the Partnership to the distributions the Partnership expects to pay its unitholders. Using this measure, the Partnership's management can compute the coverage ratio of estimated cash flows for a period to planned cash distributions for such period. The GAAP measure most directly comparable to Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, is net income for the Parent Company on a stand-alone basis. The accompanying analysis of Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, is presented for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 for comparative purposes.

(2) For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, cash distributions paid by ETP exclude distributions on 49.5 million ETP common units issued to ETE as a portion of the considerations for ETP's acquisition of ETE's interest in Holdco on April 30, 2013. These ETP common units received cash distributions on May 15, 2013; however, such distributions were reduced from the total cash portion of the consideration paid to ETE in connection with the April 30, 2013 Holdco transaction pursuant to the contribution agreement.

(3) Distributable cash flow attributable to Lake Charles LNG was calculated as follows (unaudited):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
Revenues	\$	55	\$	162
Operating expenses		(5)		(13)
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(1)		(4)
Other, net		2		1
Distributable cash flow attributable to Lake Charles LNG	\$	51	\$	146

<sup>(4)</sup> In exchange for management services, ETE has agreed to pay to ETP fees totaling \$95 million, \$95 million and \$5 million for the years ending December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Distribution coverage ratio for a period is calculated as Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, divided by total cash distributions expected to be paid to the partners of ETE in respect of such period.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PARENT COMPANY

Following are condensed balance sheets and statements of operations of the Parent Company on a stand-alone basis.

# BALANCE SHEETS (In millions) (unaudited)

	Sep	tember 30, 2014	Decei	nber 31, 2013
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS	\$	23	\$	13
ADVANCES TO AND INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES		5,303		3,841
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net		11		14
GOODWILL		9		9
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, net		49		41
Total assets	\$	5,395	\$	3,918
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL				
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	143	\$	38
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities		4,540		2,801
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		3		1
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
PARTNERS' CAPITAL:				
General Partner		(1)		(3)
Limited Partners:				
Common Unitholders		687		1,066
Class D Units		18		6
Accumulated other comprehensive income		5		9
Total partners' capital	'	709	'	1,078
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$	5,395	\$	3,918

#### STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Amounts in millions) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,						nths End or 30,	
		2014		2013	2014			2013
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	(20)	\$	(11)	\$	(83)	\$	(40)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):								
Interest expense, net of interest capitalized		(57)		(47)		(147)		(164)
Gains on interest rate derivatives		_		3		_		9
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates		269		207		756		573
Other, net		(2)		(1)		(4)		(11)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		190		151		522		367
Income tax expense (benefit)		2		_		2		(1)
NET INCOME		188		151		520		368
GENERAL PARTNER'S INTEREST IN NET INCOME		_		1		1		1
CLASS D UNITHOLDER'S INTEREST IN NET INCOME		_		_		1		_
LIMITED PARTNERS' INTEREST IN NET INCOME	\$	188	\$	150	\$	518	\$	367