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May 09, 2013

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

May 9, 2013
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 1-11727 (Commission File Number) | 73-1493906 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 9, 2013, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (the “Partnership”) entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and UBS 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 \$800,000,000 (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. 333-183388).

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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description of the Exhibit |
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| Exhibit 1.1 | Equity Distribution Agreement, dated May 9, 2013 by and among the Partnership and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and UBS Securities LLC. |
| Exhibit 5.1 | Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. regarding legality of the Units. |
| Exhibit 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: May 9, 2013

/s/ Martin Salinas, Jr.
Martin Salinas, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer