

GENESIS ENERGY LP
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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2012

GENESIS ENERGY, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

1-12295
(Commission File
Number)

76-0513049
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

919 Milam Suite 2100, Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

(713) 860-2500
(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))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

We issued a press release on February 16, 2012 regarding our financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, and will hold a webcast conference call discussing those results on February 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. A copy of this earnings press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this report.

The webcast conference call will be available for replay on our website at www.genesisenergy.com for 30 days. A summary of this conference call is archived on our website.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, the information furnished in this Item 2.02 and in Exhibit 99.1 hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, except as shall be expressly provided by specific reference in such filing.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Our earnings press release includes non-generally accepted accounting principle (“non-GAAP”) financial measures of Available Cash before Reserves and adjusted EBITDA. The press release provides reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures, cash flow provided by operating activities, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”). Our non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to GAAP measures such as net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities or any other GAAP measure of liquidity or financial performance. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures being utilized by management, lenders, analysts, and other market participants.

Available cash before Reserves. Available Cash before Reserves is a measure used by management to compare cash flows generated by us to the cash distribution paid to our common unitholders. This is an important financial measure to the external users of financial statements, such as investors, commercial banks, research analysts and rating agencies, to assess: (1) the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structures, or historical cost basis; (2) the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest cost and support our indebtedness; (3) our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in the midstream energy industry, without regard to financing and capital structure; and (4) the viability of projects and the overall rates of return on alternative investment opportunities. Lastly, Available Cash before Reserves (also referred to as distributable cash flow) is the quantitative standard used throughout the investment community with respect to publicly-traded partnerships. Available Cash before Reserves data presented in this press release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies as Available Cash before Reserves excludes some, but not all items that affect net income or loss and because these measures may vary among other companies.

We define available cash as net income or loss as adjusted for specific items, the most significant of which are the addition of non-cash expenses (such as depreciation), the substitution of cash generated by our joint ventures in lieu of our equity income attributable to such joint ventures, the elimination of gains and losses on asset sales (except those from the sale of surplus assets) and unrealized gains and losses on derivative transactions, the elimination of expenses related to acquiring assets that provide new sources of cash flows and the subtraction of maintenance capital expenditures, which are expenditures that are necessary to sustain existing (but not to provide new sources of) cash flows.

Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“Adjusted EBITDA”) is commonly used as a supplemental financial measure by management and external users of our financial statements,

such as investors, commercial banks, research analysts and rating agencies. Since Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income or loss and because these measures may vary among other companies, the Adjusted EBITDA data presented in this press release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. The GAAP measure most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA is net cash flows provided by operating activities.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income or loss plus net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization plus other specific items, the most significant of which are the addition of cash received from direct financing leases not included in income, non-cash equity-based compensation expense, expenses related to acquiring assets that provide new sources of cash flow and the effects of available cash generated by equity method investees not included in income. We also exclude the effect on net income or loss of unrealized gains or losses on derivative transactions.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.
Not applicable

(b) Pro forma financial information.
Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions.
Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits

The following materials are filed as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibits.

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Genesis Energy, L.P. press release, dated February 16, 2012.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 16, 2012

GENESIS ENERGY, L.P.
(A Delaware Limited Partnership)
By: GENESIS ENERGY, LLC, as General Partner
By: /s/ Robert v. Deere
Robert V. Deere
Chief Financial Officer