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Form 8-K  
November 21, 2016

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 21, 2016  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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

Delaware 1-11727 73-1493906  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 21, 2016, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (“ETP”) and Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (“SXL”) issued a press release announcing their entry into a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which a wholly owned subsidiary of SXL will merge with and into ETP, with ETP as the surviving entity and wholly-owned subsidiary of SXL. Under the terms of the definitive merger agreement, holders of ETP common units will receive 1.50 common units of SXL in exchange for each ETP common unit. The full text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

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. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

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 Securities and Exchange Commission (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

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](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, 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:

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| Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.  | Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.  |
| 3807 West Chester Pike  | 8111 Westchester Drive  |
| Newtown Square, PA 19073  | Dallas, TX 75225  |
| Attention: Investor Relations   | Attention: Investor Relations   |
| Phone: 866-248-4344   | Phone: 214-981-0700   |
| Email: <a href="mailto:IR@sunocologistics.com">IR@sunocologistics.com</a> | Email: <a href="mailto:InvestorRelations@energytransfer.com">InvestorRelations@energytransfer.com</a> |

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, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2016. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of ETP is contained in ETP’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016. 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.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description of the Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated November 21, 2016 |
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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

By: /s/ Thomas E. Long

Thomas E. Long

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 21, 2016

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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| 99.1           | Press Release dated November 21, 2016 |