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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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):
January 30, 2015

ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
3738 Oak Lawn Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75219
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)
(214) 981-0700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

1-11727
(Commission
File Number)

73-1493906
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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

On January 30, 2015, in connection with the previously announced agreement and plan of merger (the “Merger”) between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (“ETP”) and Regency Energy Partners LP (“Regency”), ETP communicated with its employees the new executive leadership team that will be put in place after the closing of the Merger.

The members of the new executive leadership team are as follows:

Kelcy Warren Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Mackie McCrea President & Chief Operating Officer

Tom Mason Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Tom Long Chief Financial Officer

Martin Salinas, ETP’s current Chief Financial Officer, will be leaving ETP as of the closing date of the Merger.

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. ETP and Regency 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 ETP to successfully integrate Regency’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 ETP and Regency with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), which are available to the public. ETP and Regency 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 ETP or Regency with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website, at 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 ETP or Regency at the following:

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.
3738 Oak Lawn Ave.
Dallas, TX 75219
Attention: Investor Relations
Phone: 214-981-0700

Regency Energy Partners LP
2001 Bryan Street, Suite 3700
Dallas, TX 75201
Attention: Investor Relations
Phone: 214-840-5477

Participants in the Solicitation

ETP, Regency 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 ETP is contained in ETP's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of Regency is contained in Regency's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2014. 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Employee Communication, dated January 30, 2015

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: January 30, 2015

By: /s/ Thomas P. Mason

Name: Thomas P. Mason

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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