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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): October 18, 2018**

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**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 or Organization)

**1-31219**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**73-1493906**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600**  
**Dallas, Texas 75225**  
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

**(214) 981-0700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

A special meeting of the common unitholders (the “special meeting”) of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (“ETP”) was held on October 18, 2018 to consider and vote on proposals (i) to adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 1, 2018, (the “Merger Agreement”) by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“ETE”), LE GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of ETE (“ETE GP”), Streamline Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of ETE (“Merger Sub”), ETP and Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C. (“ETP Managing GP”), a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and the general partner of ETP, and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger of Merger Sub with and into ETP, with ETP continuing as the surviving entity and a subsidiary of ETE (the “merger”) and (ii) to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to adopt the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger, at the time of the special meeting. The proposals are described in detail in the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) by ETE on September 11, 2018.

As of the close of business on September 10, 2018, the record date for the special meeting, there were a total of 1,167,186,967 ETP common units outstanding, all of which were entitled to vote at the special meeting. At the special meeting, holders of 745,172,415 ETP common units were present or represented by proxy, constituting a quorum. A summary of the voting results for the proposals is set forth below:

**Proposal 1: Adoption of the Merger Agreement**

ETP common unitholders adopted the Merger Agreement. The following are the tabulated votes “For” and “Against” this proposal, as well as the number of “Abstentions”:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	<b>BROKER NON-VOTES</b>
<b>731,691,835</b>	<b>10,820,443</b>	<b>2,660,137</b>	<b>0</b>

698,166,264 of the 731,691,835 ETP common units voting “For” this proposal were held by ETP common unitholders other than ETE and its affiliates, constituting a majority of the unaffiliated ETP common unitholders.

**Proposal 2: Adjournment of the Special Meeting**

Because ETP common unitholders adopted the Merger Agreement, the vote on the proposal to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to adopt the Merger Agreement at the time of the special meeting was not called.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 18, 2018, ETE and ETP issued a joint press release announcing the results of the Special Meeting and expected closing date of the merger. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

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**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. These documents, and any other documents filed by ETE 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 can 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 ETE or ETP at the following:

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.  
8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600  
Dallas, Texas 75225  
Attention: Investor Relations  
Phone: 214-981-0795

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.  
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Dallas, Texas 75225  
Attention: Investor Relations  
Phone: 214-981-0795

**Participants in the Solicitation**

ETE, 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 ETE is contained in ETE's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of ETP is contained in ETP's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger are included in the proxy statement/prospectus.

**No Offer or Solicitation**

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#"><u>Joint Press Release, dated October 18, 2018.</u></a>

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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

Date: October 18, 2018

By: /s/ Thomas E. Long  
Name: Thomas E. Long  
Title: Chief Financial Officer



**ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P. COMMON UNITHOLDERS APPROVE  
MERGER WITH ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.**

*Combined partnership's common units to trade under ticker symbol "ET"*

DALLAS, October 18, 2018 – Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE) (“ETE”) and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) (“ETP”) announced today that at a special meeting of ETP common unitholders held earlier today, ETP’s common unitholders voted to approve and adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 1, 2018 (the “Merger Agreement”), pursuant to which ETP will merge with ETE (“the merger”).

Approximately 98.2% of the total ETP common units that were voted at the special meeting voted in favor of the merger. With a quorum voting, the Merger Agreement and merger were approved and adopted by the common unitholders.

The merger is expected to close on October 19, 2018. Following the closing, ETE will change its name to “Energy Transfer LP” and its common units are expected to begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the “ET” ticker symbol on Friday, October 19, 2018. In addition, ETP will change its name to “Energy Transfer Operating, L.P.” ETP’s Series C preferred units and Series D preferred units will continue to be listed on the NYSE under the symbols “ETPrC” and “ETPrD”, respectively.

**About the Partnerships**

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) is a master limited partnership that owns and operates one of the largest and most diversified portfolios of energy assets in the United States. Strategically positioned in all of the major U.S. production basins, ETP’s operations include complementary natural gas midstream, intrastate and interstate transportation and storage assets; crude oil, natural gas liquids (NGL) and refined product transportation and terminalling assets; NGL fractionation; and various acquisition and marketing assets. ETP’s general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE). For more information, visit the ETP website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com).

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE:ETE) is a master limited partnership that owns the general partner and 100% of the incentive distribution rights (IDRs) of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ETP) and Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN). ETE also owns Lake Charles LNG Company and the general partner of USA Compression Partners, LP (NYSE: USAC). On a consolidated basis, ETE’s family of companies owns and operates a diverse portfolio of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and refined products assets, as well as retail and wholesale motor fuel operations and LNG terminalling. For more information, visit the ETE website at [www.energytransfer.com](http://www.energytransfer.com).

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release 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. ETE and ETP cannot give any assurance that expectations and projections about future events will prove to be correct. Forward-looking

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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 satisfaction of the other conditions to the consummation of the merger, the potential impact of the consummation of the proposed transaction on relationships, including with employees, suppliers, customers, competitors and credit rating agencies, and 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 ETE and ETP with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which are available to the public. ETE 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.

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The information contained in this press release is available on our website at [energytransfer.com](http://energytransfer.com).

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