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): June 18, 2012

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-32740 (Commission File Number) **30-0108820** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

3738 Oak Lawn Dallas, Texas 75219 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 18, 2012, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ("ETP") and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. ("ETE") issued a joint press release announcing that ETE plans to drop down its interest in Southern Union Company ("SUG") into an ETP-controlled entity, which will also include assets to be acquired in the recently announced merger between Sunoco, Inc. ("Sunoco") and ETP.

Concurrent with the closing of the Sunoco merger, ETE will contribute its interest in SUG into an ETP-controlled entity in exchange for a sixty percent (60%) equity interest in a newly formed entity, ETP Holdco Corporation ("HoldCo"). In conjunction with ETE's contribution, ETP will contribute its interest in Sunoco to HoldCo and will retain a forty percent (40%) equity interest in HoldCo. Prior to the contribution of Sunoco to HoldCo, Sunoco's interests in Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. ("SXL") will be transferred to ETP.

Copies of the joint press release and an informational presentation regarding the transactions discussed hereunder are furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and in the attached Exhibits 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

To the extent required, the information included in Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01 Exhibits and Financial Statements

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Joint Press Release of Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. dated June 18, 2012.
99.2	Investor Presentation dated June 18, 2012.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between ETP and Sunoco, ETP plans to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4 that will contain a proxy statement/prospectus to be mailed to the Sunoco shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ETP, ETE, SUNOCO, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROXY/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by ETP and Sunoco through the web site maintained by the SEC 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 Sunoco at the following:

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

ETE, ETP and Sunoco, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding directors and executive officers of ETE's general partner is contained in ETE's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which has been filed with the SEC. Information regarding directors and executive officers of ETP's general partner is contained in ETP's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which has been filed with the SEC. Information regarding Sunoco's directors and executive officers is contained in Sunoco's definitive proxy statement dated March 16, 2012, which is filed with the SEC. A more complete description will be available in the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus.

SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this document regarding the proposed transaction between ETP and Sunoco, the expected timetable for completing the proposed transactions, future financial and operating results, benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction, future opportunities for the combined company, and any other statements about ETP, ETE, SUG, SXL or Sunoco managements' future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," estimates and similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward looking statements, including: the ability to consummate the proposed transaction; the ability to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals, Sunoco shareholder approval and the satisfaction of other conditions to consummation of the transaction; the ability of ETP to successfully integrate Sunoco's and SUG's operations and employees; the ability to realize anticipated synergies and cost savings; the potential impact of announcement of the transaction or consummation of the transaction and developments; capital and credit markets conditions; inflation rates; interest rates; the political and economic, competitive and regulatory conditions and developments; technological developments; capital and credit markets conditions; environmental conditions; business and regulatory or legal decisions; the Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC by ETP, ETE, SUG, SXL and Sunoco. ETP, ETE, SUG, SXL and Sunoco disclaim any intention or obligation to update any forward looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

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 Equity, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

Date: June 18, 2012

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds President and Chief Financial Officer

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ETE and ETP Announce Plans to Drop Down Southern Union Assets into ETP-Controlled Entity

- Improves operational efficiencies and increases transparency to investors
- Will be implemented concurrent with closing of Sunoco transaction
- No effect on Sunoco merger timing or consideration

June 18, 2012 (DALLAS, TX) – Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE:ETE) and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE:ETP) announced today that ETE plans to drop down its interest in Southern Union Company (SUG) into an ETP-controlled entity, which will also include assets to be acquired in the recently announced merger between Sunoco, Inc. (NYSE:SUN) and ETP.

Concurrent with the closing of the Sunoco merger, ETE will contribute its interest in SUG into an ETP-controlled entity in exchange for a 60 percent equity interest in the new entity, to be called ETP Holdco Corporation (HoldCo). In conjunction with ETE's contribution, ETP will contribute its interest in Sunoco to HoldCo and will retain a 40 percent equity interest in HoldCo. Prior to the contribution of Sunoco to HoldCo, Sunoco's interests in Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE:SXL) will be transferred to ETP.

"Through this transaction, we resolve the timing of ETE's drop-down of the SUG assets, without the need for external equity or debt financing, and will enhance distribution growth prospects at both ETE and ETP," said Kelcy Warren, ETE chairman of the board. "Furthermore, this new entity will increase ETP's scale of operations and its ability to serve more customers in the rapidly expanding midstream marketplace."

The transaction has been approved by the boards of directors of ETE's general partner and ETP's general partner and will not require the approval of Sunoco's board. In addition, Energy Transfer has reviewed its plans with all three credit rating agencies and believes that the new structure enhances the overall credit profile of ETE, ETP and SUG and furthers ETP's commitment to maintaining investment grade credit ratings. The transaction will not require ETE or ETP unitholder approval and no regulatory issues are expected.

Additional information concerning this announcement can be found in Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission today by both ETE and ETP.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC acted as financial advisor to ETP, while Latham & Watkins LLP and Bingham McCutchen LLP acted as legal counsel. Evercore Partners acted as financial advisor to the ETP conflicts committee, while Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP acted as legal counsel. RBS Securities, Inc. acted as financial advisor to the ETE conflicts committee and the ETE special committee, while Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP acted as legal counsel. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. acted as legal counsel to ETE.

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (**NYSE:ETE**) is a publicly traded partnership, which owns the general partner and 100 percent of the incentive distribution rights (IDRs) of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (NYSE:ETP) and approximately 52.4 million ETP limited partner units; and owns the general partner and 100 percent of the IDRs of Regency Energy Partners LP (NYSE:RGP) and approximately 26.3 million RGP limited partner units. ETE is also the parent of Southern Union Company. The ETE family of companies owns approximately 45,000 miles of natural gas and natural gas liquids pipelines. For more information, visit the Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. web site at <u>www.energytransfer.com</u>.

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (**NYSE:ETP**) is a publicly traded partnership owning and operating a diversified portfolio of energy assets. ETP has pipeline operations in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Utah and West Virginia and owns the largest intrastate pipeline system in Texas. ETP currently has natural gas operations that include approximately

23,500 miles of gathering and transportation pipelines, treating and processing assets, and three storage facilities located in Texas. ETP also holds a 70 percent interest in Lone Star NGL, a joint venture that owns and operates NGL storage, fractionation and transportation assets in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. ETP's general partner is owned by ETE. For more information, visit the Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. website at <u>www.energytransfer.com</u>.

Sunoco, Inc. (NYSE: SUN) is a leading logistics and retail company. The company owns the general partner interest of Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., which consists of a two percent ownership interest and incentive distribution rights, and owns a 32.4 percent interest in the Partnership's limited partner units. Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. is an owner and operator of complementary pipeline, terminal and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets. Sunoco also has a network of approximately 4,900 retail locations in 23 states.

Sunce Logistics Partners L.P. (NYSE: SXL), headquartered in Philadelphia, is a master limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business consisting of a geographically diverse portfolio of complementary pipeline, terminalling and crude oil acquisition and marketing assets. The Refined Products Pipelines consist of approximately 2,500 miles of refined products pipelines located in the northeast, midwest and southwest United States, and equity interests in four refined products pipelines. The Crude Oil Pipelines consist of approximately 5,400 miles of crude oil pipelines, located principally in Oklahoma and Texas. The Terminal Facilities consist of approximately 42 million shell barrels of refined products and crude oil terminal capacity (including approximately 22 million shell barrels of capacity at the Nederland Terminal on the Gulf Coast of Texas and approximately 5 million shell barrels of capacity at the Eagle Point terminal on the banks of the Delaware River in New Jersey). The Crude Oil Acquisition and Marketing business involves the acquisition and marketing of crude oil and is principally conducted in Oklahoma and Texas and consists of approximately 190 crude oil transport trucks and approximately 120 crude oil truck unloading facilities.

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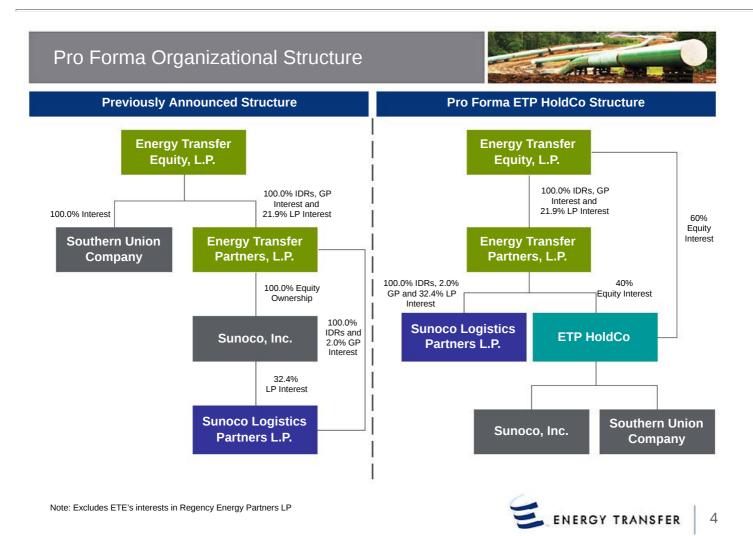


Overview of ETP HoldCo Transaction

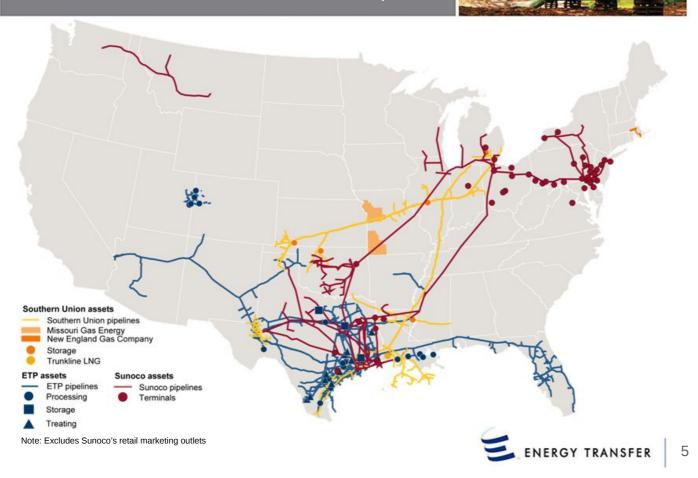


- Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. ("ETE") and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ("ETP") will combine the businesses of Southern Union Company ("SUG") and Sunoco, Inc. ("SUN") under an ETP-controlled entity, ETP HoldCo Corporation ("ETP HoldCo")
 - ETE will contribute SUG in exchange for a 60% equity interest
 - ETP will contribute SUN in exchange for a 40% equity interest
 - Prior to the contribution of SUN to ETP HoldCo, SUN's interests in Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. ("SXL") will be transferred to ETP
 - ETP will control ETP HoldCo through a majority of Board seats
- The ETP HoldCo transaction will be completed concurrently with the SUN acquisition, expected to close in the third or fourth quarter of this year
- Resolves timing of ETE's dropdown of the SUG assets without the need for external equity or debt financing.
- Simplifies organizational structure by combining SUG and SUN under a single ETP-controlled entity
 - Improves transparency to investors and analysts as SUG and SUN businesses will be consolidated under ETP for financial reporting purposes
 - Allows for more efficient commercial management and incremental commercial and operational synergies
 - Enhances distribution growth prospects at both ETE and ETP





Pro Forma ETP Combined Asset Footprint



Pro Forma ETP – Significant Size and Scale

Summary Asset Overview SUN & Pro Forma Status Quo SUG ETP ETP SXL Pipelines (miles): 15,700 39,994 Natural Gas 24,294 Natural Gas Distribution (LDCs) 15,173 15,173 NGL 2.110 40 2.150 Crude Oil 5.400 5,400 **Refined Products** 2.500 2.500 Total 26,404 7,940 30,873 65,217 Operating Metrics: Natural Gas Throughput (Bcfpd) 23 28 6 NGL Throughput (Mbpd) 677 107 784 LNG Throughput (Bcfpd) 2 2 Crude Oil Throughput (Mbpd) 1,747 1,747 --Refined Products Throughput (Mbpd) 522 522 . Natural Gas Processing Capacity (MMcfpd) 475 2,942 3,417 Natural Gas Treating Capacity (MMcfpd) 1.985 585 2.570 . Natural Gas Conditioning Capacity (MMcfpd) 846 846 NGL Processing Capacity (Mbpd) 251 251 Natural Gas Storage (Bcf) 74 101 176 NGL Storage (Mbbl) 47,000 1,000 48,000 LNG Storage Capacity (Bcf) 9 9 Crude Oil Storage (Mbbl) 25,000 25,000 -Refined Products Storage (Mbbl) 16,000 16,000 Facilities: Natural Gas Storage Facilities 3 6 9 NGL Storage Facilities 2 1 -3 Crude Oil Storage Facilities 4 -4 -Refined Products Storage Facilities 44 . 44 . Natural Gas Process., Treat., Cond. Facilities 10 35 45 -NGL Processing Facilities 4 4 Retail Marketing Outlets 4,900 4,900 Pipeline Mileage

Throughput*



Storage Capacity*



* Throughput and storage capacity converted on a 6:1 Mcf:Bbl basis



Note: Joint venture assets shown on consolidated basis; includes projects under construction