



Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 21, 2017, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the “Partnership”) entered into an Equity Distribution Agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) by and among the Partnership, on the one hand, and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Fifth Third Securities, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., Jefferies LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Natixis Securities Americas LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC, UBS Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (each, a “Manager” and collectively, the “Managers”), on the other hand. Pursuant to the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Partnership may sell from time to time through the Managers, as the Partnership’s sales agents, the Partnership’s common units representing limited partner interests having an aggregate offering price of up to \$1,000,000,000 (“Common Units”). The sales, if any, of the Common Units under the Distribution Agreement will be made by means of ordinary brokers’ transactions on the New York Stock Exchange at market prices, in block transactions, or as otherwise agreed upon by the Managers and the Partnership by any method permitted by law deemed to be an “at the market offering” as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”).

Under the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Partnership will pay the Managers a commission at a mutually agreed rate not to exceed 2% of the gross sales price per Common Unit. In addition, the Partnership has agreed to pay certain expenses incurred by the Managers in connection with the offering. The Partnership may also sell Common Units to one or more of the Managers as principal for such Manager’s own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If the Partnership sells Common Units to one or more of the Managers as principal, the Partnership will enter into a separate terms agreement with such Manager.

The offering has been registered under the Securities Act pursuant to the Partnership’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3, as amended (Registration No. 333-215969), as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement dated March 21, 2017, relating to the sale of the Common Units (the “Prospectus Supplement”).

The Distribution Agreement contains customary representations and warranties of the parties and indemnification and contribution provisions under which the Partnership and the Managers have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The Partnership expects to use the net proceeds from any sale under the Distribution Agreement of the Common Units for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions, capital expenditures and additions to working capital. As more fully described under the caption “Plan of Distribution” in the Prospectus Supplement, from time to time, the Managers and their affiliates have provided, directly or indirectly, investment and commercial banking or financial advisory services to the Partnership and its affiliates, for which they have received customary fees and commissions, and they expect to provide these services to the Partnership and its affiliates in the future, for which they expect to receive customary fees and commissions.

The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Distribution Agreement were made only for purposes of that agreement and as of specific dates; were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Distribution Agreement; and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made by each contracting party to the other as a way of allocating contractual risk between them that differ from those applicable to investors. Moreover, the subject matter of the representations and warranties are subject to more recent developments. Accordingly, investors should be aware that these representations, warranties and covenants or any description thereof alone may not describe the actual state of affairs of the Partnership, LE GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, or their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, businesses or equity holders as of the date they were made or at any other time.

The foregoing description and the description contained in the Prospectus Supplement are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Distribution Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Legal opinions relating to the Common Units are included as Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1 to this Current Report.



Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

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1.1	Equity Distribution Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2017, by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Fifth Third Securities, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., Jefferies LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Natixis Securities Americas LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC, UBS Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP regarding the validity of the Common Units
8.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP relating to tax matters
23.1	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
23.2	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1 hereto)

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SIGNATURE

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: March 21, 2017 By: /s/ Thomas E. Long

Thomas E. Long

Group Chief Financial Officer

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