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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016
or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 1-11727

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

Delaware 73-1493906
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

At April 29, 2016, the registrant had 518,715,341 Common Units outstanding.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this report, excluding historical information, as well as some statements by Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (the “Partnership,” or “ETP”) in periodic press releases and some oral statements of the Partnership’s officials during presentations about the Partnership, include forward-looking statements. These 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,” “may,” “will” or similar expressions help identify forward-looking statements. Although the Partnership and its general partner believe such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions and current expectations and projections about future events, no assurance can be given that such assumptions, expectations, or projections will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, the Partnership’s actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, projected or expected, forecasted, estimated or expressed in forward-looking statements since many of the factors that determine these results are subject to uncertainties and risks that are difficult to predict and beyond management’s control. For additional discussion of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, see “Part I – Item 1A. Risk Factors” in the Partnership’s Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 29, 2016.

Definitions

The following is a list of certain acronyms and terms generally used in the energy industry and throughout this document:

/d	per day
AmeriGas	AmeriGas Partners, L.P.
AOCI	accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Bbls	barrels
Btu	British thermal unit, an energy measurement used by gas companies to convert the volume of gas used to its heat equivalent, and thus calculate the actual energy used
Capacity	capacity of a pipeline, processing plant or storage facility refers to the maximum capacity under normal operating conditions and, with respect to pipeline transportation capacity, is subject to multiple factors (including natural gas injections and withdrawals at various delivery points along the pipeline and the utilization of compression) which may reduce the throughput capacity from specified capacity levels
Citrus	Citrus, LLC
CrossCountry	CrossCountry Energy, LLC
ETC Compression	ETC Compression, LLC
ETC FEP	ETC Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC
ETC MEP	ETC Midcontinent Express Pipeline, L.L.C.
ETC OLP	La Grange Acquisition, L.P., which conducts business under the assumed name of Energy Transfer Company

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ETC Tiger	ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
ETE	Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a publicly traded partnership and the owner of ETP LLC
ET Interstate	Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings, LLC
ET Rover	ET Rover Pipeline LLC
ETP Credit Facility	ETP's \$3.75 billion revolving credit facility
ETP GP	Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., the general partner of ETP
ETP Holdco	ETP Holdco Corporation
ETP LLC	Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., the general partner of ETP GP
Exchange Act	Securities Exchange Act of 1934
FEP	Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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FGT	Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
GAAP	accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
HPC	RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Regency Intrastate Gas LP
IDRs	incentive distribution rights
Lake Charles LNG	Lake Charles LNG Company, LLC (previously named Trunkline LNG Company, LLC), a subsidiary of ETE
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	liquefied natural gas
Lone Star	Lone Star NGL LLC
MEP	Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MTBE	methyl tertiary butyl ether
NGL	natural gas liquid, such as propane, butane and natural gasoline
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
OSHA	federal Occupational Safety and Health Act
OTC	over-the-counter
Panhandle	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP and its subsidiaries
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PES	Philadelphia Energy Solutions
PHMSA	Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Preferred Units	ETP Series A cumulative convertible preferred units
Regency	Regency Energy Partners LP
Retail Holdings	ETP Retail Holdings, LLC, a joint venture between subsidiaries of ETC OLP and Sunoco, Inc.
Sea Robin	Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Panhandle
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission

Southern Union Southern Union Company

Sunoco Logistics Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

Sunoco LP Sunoco LP (previously named Susser Petroleum Partners, LP)

Transwestern Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

Trunkline Trunkline Gas Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Panhandle

Adjusted EBITDA is a term used throughout this document, which we define as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, amortization and other non-cash items, such as non-cash compensation expense, gains and losses on disposals of assets, the allowance for equity funds used during construction, unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities, non-cash impairment charges, losses on extinguishments of debt, gain on deconsolidation and other non-operating income or expense items. Unrealized gains and losses on commodity risk management activities include unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and inventory fair value adjustments (excluding lower of cost or market adjustments). Adjusted EBITDA reflects amounts for less than wholly-owned subsidiaries based on 100% of the subsidiaries' results of operations and for unconsolidated affiliates based on the Partnership's proportionate ownership.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in millions)

(unaudited)

	March 31, December 31,	
	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 715	\$ 527
Accounts receivable, net	2,080	2,118
Accounts receivable from related companies	173	268
Inventories	1,147	1,213
Derivative assets	24	40
Other current assets	620	532
Total current assets	4,759	4,698
Property, plant and equipment	51,761	50,869
Accumulated depreciation and depletion	(5,974)	(5,782)
	45,787	45,087
Advances to and investments in unconsolidated affiliates	5,020	5,003
Non-current derivative assets	16	—
Other non-current assets, net	514	536
Intangible assets, net	4,080	4,421
Goodwill	4,139	5,428
Total assets	\$ 64,315	\$ 65,173

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in millions)

(unaudited)

	March 31,	December 31,
	2016	2015
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$2,002	\$ 1,859
Accounts payable to related companies	46	25
Derivative liabilities	74	63
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,864	2,048
Current maturities of long-term debt	925	126
Total current liabilities	4,911	4,121
Long-term debt, less current maturities	26,769	28,553
Long-term notes payable – related company	223	233
Non-current derivative liabilities	213	137
Deferred income taxes	4,495	4,082
Other non-current liabilities	939	968
Commitments and contingencies		
Series A Preferred Units	33	33
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	15	15
Equity:		
General Partner	314	306
Limited Partners:		
Common Unitholders	16,343	17,043
Class H Unitholder	3,471	3,469
Class I Unitholder	2	14
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (10) 4		
Total partners' capital	20,120	20,836
Noncontrolling interest	6,597	6,195
Total equity	26,717	27,031
Total liabilities and equity	\$64,315	\$ 65,173

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in millions, except per unit data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
REVENUES:		
Natural gas sales	\$838	\$1,034
NGL sales	940	981
Crude sales	1,210	2,208
Gathering, transportation and other fees	960	993
Refined product sales	245	3,656
Other	288	1,454
Total revenues	4,481	10,326
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Cost of products sold	2,968	8,496
Operating expenses	348	610
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	470	479
Selling, general and administrative	81	133
Total costs and expenses	3,867	9,718
OPERATING INCOME	614	608
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Interest expense, net	(319)	(310)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	76	57
Losses on interest rate derivatives	(70)	(77)
Other, net	17	7
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	318	285
Income tax expense (benefit)	(58)	17
NET INCOME	376	268
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	65	(6)
Less: Net loss attributable to predecessor	—	(7)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTNERS	311	281
General Partner's interest in net income	297	242
Class H Unitholder's interest in net income	79	54
Class I Unitholder's interest in net income	2	33
Common Unitholders' interest in net loss	\$(67)	\$(48)
NET LOSS PER COMMON UNIT:		
Basic	\$(0.15)	\$(0.17)
Diluted	\$(0.15)	\$(0.17)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Net income	\$376	\$268
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Change in value of derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges	—	1
Change in value of available-for-sale securities	2	1
Actuarial gain (loss) relating to pension and other postretirement benefit plans	(9) 45
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1) (2)
Change in other comprehensive income from unconsolidated affiliates	(6) (2)
	(14) 43
Comprehensive income	362	311
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	65	(6)
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to predecessor	—	(7)
Comprehensive income attributable to partners	\$297	\$324

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

(Dollars in millions)

(unaudited)

	Limited Partners				Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	General Partner	Common Units	Class H Units	Class I Units			
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 306	\$17,043	\$3,469	\$ 14	\$ 4	\$ 6,195	\$27,031
Distributions to partners	(289)	(517)	(77)	(14)	—	—	(897)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(100)	(100)
Units issued for cash	—	363	—	—	—	—	363
Subsidiary units issued for cash	—	5	—	—	—	296	301
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	132	132
Sunoco, Inc. retail business to Sunoco LP transaction	—	(496)	—	—	—	—	(496)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(14)	—	(14)
Other, net	—	12	—	—	—	9	21
Net income (loss)	297	(67)	79	2	—	65	376
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$ 314	\$16,343	\$3,471	\$ 2	\$ (10)	\$ 6,597	\$26,717

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$376	\$268
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	470	479
Deferred income taxes	(57)	26
Amortization included in interest expense	(7)	(13)
Inventory valuation adjustments	26	34
Unit-based compensation expense	19	20
Distributions on unvested awards	(7)	(3)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(76)	(57)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates	84	64
Other non-cash	(12)	(11)
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisition	144	(207)
Net cash provided by operating activities	960	600
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the Sunoco, Inc. retail business to Sunoco LP transaction	2,200	—
Proceeds from Bakken Pipeline Transaction	—	980
Proceeds from sale of noncontrolling interest	—	64
Cash paid for acquisition of a noncontrolling interest	—	(129)
Cash paid for all other acquisitions	—	(370)
Capital expenditures, excluding allowance for equity funds used during construction	(1,819)	(2,149)
Contributions in aid of construction costs	10	4
Contributions to unconsolidated affiliates	(31)	(34)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings	51	34
Proceeds from the sale of assets	8	9
Change in restricted cash	(1)	—
Other	(3)	(6)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	415	(1,597)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from borrowings	2,938	7,039
Repayments of long-term debt	(3,914)	(5,073)
Units issued for cash	363	135
Subsidiary units issued for cash	301	689
Predecessor units issued for cash	—	34
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interest	132	219
Distributions to partners	(897)	(558)
Predecessor distributions to partners	—	(203)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(100)	(77)
Debt issuance costs	—	(23)
Other	(10)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,187)	2,182

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Increase in cash and cash equivalents	188	1,185
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	527	663
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$715	\$1,848

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Tabular dollar and unit amounts, except per unit data, are in millions)

(unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a publicly traded Delaware master limited partnership, and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Partnership,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “ETP”) are managed by our general partner, ETP GP, which is in turn managed by its general partner, ETP LLC. ETE, a publicly traded master limited partnership, owns ETP LLC. The consolidated financial statements of the Partnership presented herein include our operating subsidiaries described below.

Our activities are primarily conducted through our operating subsidiaries (collectively, the “Operating Companies”) as follows:

ETC OLP, a Texas limited partnership primarily engaged in midstream and intrastate transportation and storage natural gas operations. ETC OLP owns and operates, through its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries, natural gas gathering systems, intrastate natural gas pipeline systems and gas processing plants and is engaged in the business of purchasing, gathering, transporting, processing, and marketing natural gas and NGLs in the states of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia. ETC OLP’s intrastate transportation and storage operations primarily focus on transporting natural gas in Texas through our Oasis pipeline, ET Fuel System, East Texas pipeline and HPL System. ETC OLP’s midstream operations focus on the gathering, compression, treating, conditioning and processing of natural gas, primarily on or through our Southeast Texas System, Eagle Ford System, North Texas System and Northern Louisiana assets.

ET Interstate, a Delaware limited liability company with revenues consisting primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales. ET Interstate is the parent company of:

• Transwestern, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas. Transwestern’s revenues consist primarily of fees earned from natural gas transportation services and operational gas sales.

• ETC FEP, a Delaware limited liability company that directly owns a 50% interest in FEP, which owns 100% of the Fayetteville Express interstate natural gas pipeline.

• ETC Tiger, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in interstate transportation of natural gas.

• CrossCountry, a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns a 50% interest in Citrus, which owns 100% of the FGT interstate natural gas pipeline.

• ETC MEP, a Delaware limited liability company that directly owns a 50% interest in MEP.

• ETC Compression, a Delaware limited liability company engaged in natural gas compression services and related equipment sales.

ETP Holdco, a Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns Panhandle and Sunoco, Inc. Panhandle owns and operates assets in the regulated and unregulated natural gas industry and is primarily engaged in the transportation and storage of natural gas in the United States. Sunoco, Inc. owned and operated retail marketing assets, which were contributed to Sunoco LP in March 2016, as discussed in Note 2. Subsequent to this transaction, Sunoco Inc.’s assets primarily consist of its ownership in Retail Holdings, which owns noncontrolling interests in Sunoco LP and PES. Sunoco Logistics, a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership that owns and operates a logistics business, consisting of a geographically diverse portfolio of complementary crude oil, NGLs, and refined products pipeline, terminalling, and acquisition and marketing assets which are used to facilitate the purchase and sale of crude oil, NGLs and refined products.

Effective July 1, 2015, ETE acquired 100% of the membership interests of Sunoco GP LLC, the general partner of Sunoco LP, and all of the IDRs of Sunoco LP from ETP, and in exchange, ETE transferred to ETP 21 million ETP common units. These operations were reported within the retail marketing segment. In connection with this transaction, the Partnership deconsolidated Sunoco LP, and its remaining investment in Sunoco LP is accounted for under the equity method. Additionally, in March 2016 and as discussed in Note 2, ETP contributed to Sunoco LP its remaining 68.42% interest in Sunoco, LLC and 100% interest in the legacy Sunoco, Inc. retail business.

Our financial statements reflect the following reportable business segments:

- intrastate transportation and storage;

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- interstate transportation and storage;
- midstream;
- liquids transportation and services;
- investment in Sunoco Logistics;
- retail marketing; and
- all other.

Basis of Presentation

The unaudited financial information included in this Form 10-Q has been prepared on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. In the opinion of the Partnership's management, such financial information reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations for such interim periods in accordance with GAAP. All intercompany items and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on net income or total equity.

Merger with Regency. On April 30, 2015, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership merged with Regency, with Regency surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership (the "Regency Merger"). The Regency Merger was a combination of entities under common control; therefore, Regency's assets and liabilities were not adjusted. The Partnership's consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect consolidation of Regency for all prior periods subsequent to May 26, 2010 (the date ETE acquired Regency's general partner).

Use of Estimates

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, which includes the use of estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities that exist at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's available knowledge of current and expected future events, actual results could be different from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"), which clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue based on the core principle that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09, which is now effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within those annual periods. ASU 2014-09 can be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. In March 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-08 to clarify the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations. In April 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-10 to clarify guidance related to identifying performance obligations and licensing implementation guidance contained in the new revenue recognition standard. The Partnership is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that adopting this new accounting standard will have on our revenue recognition policies.

In February 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis ("ASU 2015-02"), which changed the requirements for consolidations analysis. Under ASU 2015-02, reporting entities are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. The Partnership adopted this standard on January 1, 2016, and the adoption did not impact the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"), which establishes the principles that lessees and lessors shall apply to report useful information to users of financial

statements about the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from a lease. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning

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after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Partnership is currently evaluating the impact that it will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, Stock Compensation (Topic 718) (“ASU 2016-09”). The objective of the update is to reduce complexity in accounting standards. The areas for simplification in this update involve several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. In addition, the amendments in this update eliminate the guidance in Topic 718 that was indefinitely deferred shortly after the issuance of FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment. ASU 2016-09 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those annual periods. Early adoption is permitted. The Partnership is currently evaluating the impact that it will have on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

2. CONTRIBUTION TRANSACTION**Sunoco Retail to Sunoco LP**

In March 2016, ETP contributed to Sunoco LP its remaining 68.42% interest in Sunoco, LLC and 100% interest in the legacy Sunoco, Inc. retail business for \$2.23 billion. Sunoco LP paid \$2.20 billion in cash, including a working capital adjustment, and issued 5.7 million Sunoco LP common units to Retail Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership. The transaction was effective January 1, 2016. In connection with this transaction, the Partnership deconsolidated the legacy Sunoco, Inc. retail business, including goodwill of \$1.29 billion and intangible assets of \$294 million. The results of Sunoco LLC and the legacy Sunoco, Inc. retail business’ operations have not been presented as discontinued operations and Sunoco, Inc.’s retail business assets and liabilities have not been presented as held for sale in the Partnership’s consolidated financial statements.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, demand deposits, and investments with original maturities of three months or less. We consider cash equivalents to include short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

We place our cash deposits and temporary cash investments with high credit quality financial institutions. At times, our cash and cash equivalents may be uninsured or in deposit accounts that exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limit.

The net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and deconsolidations, included in cash flows from operating activities is comprised as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Accounts receivable	\$(9)	\$464
Accounts receivable from related companies	90	46
Inventories	(11)	(35)
Exchanges receivable	3	(1)
Other current assets	(102)	(115)
Other non-current assets, net	11	35
Accounts payable	51	(487)
Accounts payable to related companies	(2)	(103)
Exchanges payable	21	(28)
Accrued and other current liabilities	(17)	(179)
Other non-current liabilities	21	118
Derivative assets and liabilities, net	88	78
Net change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisition	\$ 144	\$(207)

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Non-cash investing and financing activities are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015	
NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Accrued capital expenditures	\$826	\$658
Sunoco LP limited partner interest received in exchange for contribution of the Sunoco, Inc. retail business to Sunoco LP	194	—
Net gains from subsidiary common unit issuances	5	72
NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Issuance of Class H Units in connection with the Bakken Pipeline Transaction	\$—	\$1,926
Redemption of common units in connection with the Bakken Pipeline Transaction	—	979

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:

	March 31, December 31,	
	2016	2015
Natural gas and NGLs	\$ 331	\$ 415
Crude oil	453	424
Refined products	132	104
Other	231	270
Total inventories	\$ 1,147	\$ 1,213

We utilize commodity derivatives to manage price volatility associated with our natural gas inventory. Changes in fair value of designated hedged inventory are recorded in inventory on our consolidated balance sheets and cost of products sold in our consolidated statements of operations.

5. FAIR VALUE MEASURES

Based on the estimated borrowing rates currently available to us and our subsidiaries for loans with similar terms and average maturities, the aggregate fair value and carrying amount of our consolidated debt obligations as of March 31, 2016 was \$25.49 billion and \$27.69 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, the aggregate fair value and carrying amount of our consolidated debt obligations was \$25.71 billion and \$28.68 billion, respectively. The fair value of our consolidated debt obligations is a Level 2 valuation based on the observable inputs used for similar liabilities.

We have commodity derivatives, interest rate derivatives and embedded derivatives in the Preferred Units that are accounted for as assets and liabilities at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets. We determine the fair value of our assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurement by using the highest possible “level” of inputs. Level 1 inputs are observable quotes in an active market for identical assets and liabilities. We consider the valuation of marketable securities and commodity derivatives transacted through a clearing broker with a published price from the appropriate exchange as a Level 1 valuation. Level 2 inputs are inputs observable for similar assets and liabilities. We consider OTC commodity derivatives entered into directly with third parties as a Level 2 valuation since the values of these derivatives are quoted on an exchange for similar transactions. Additionally, we consider our options transacted through our clearing broker as having Level 2 inputs due to the level of activity of these contracts on the exchange in which they trade. We consider the valuation of our interest rate derivatives as Level 2 as the primary input, the LIBOR curve, is based on quotes from an active exchange of Eurodollar futures for the same period as the future interest swap settlements. Level 3 inputs are unobservable. Derivatives related to the embedded derivatives in our preferred units are valued using a binomial lattice model. The market inputs utilized in the model include credit spread, probabilities of the occurrence of certain events, common unit price, dividend yield, and expected value, and are considered Level 3. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, no transfers were made between any levels within the fair value hierarchy.

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The following tables summarize the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 based on inputs used to derive their fair values:

	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2016			
	Fair Value Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Interest rate derivatives	\$25	\$ —	\$ 25	\$ —
Commodity derivatives:				
Natural Gas:				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	6	6	—	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	1	—	1	—
Fixed Swaps/Futures	67	67	—	—
Forward Physical Swaps	3	—	3	—
Power:				
Forwards	22	—	22	—
Futures	1	1	—	—
Options – Calls	2	2	—	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	34	34	—	—
Refined Products – Futures	3	3	—	—
Crude – Futures	12	12	—	—
Total commodity derivatives	151	125	26	—
Total assets	\$176	\$ 125	\$ 51	\$ —
Liabilities:				
Interest rate derivatives	\$(267)	\$ —	\$(267)	\$ —
Embedded derivatives in the Preferred Units	(5)	—	—	(5)
Commodity derivatives:				
Natural Gas:				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(9)	(9)	—	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(2)	(1)	(1)	—
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(50)	(50)	—	—
Power:				
Forwards	(26)	—	(26)	—
Futures	(1)	(1)	—	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	(33)	(33)	—	—
Refined Products – Futures	(4)	(4)	—	—
Crude – Futures	(5)	(5)	—	—
Total commodity derivatives	(130)	(103)	(27)	—
Total liabilities	\$(402)	\$(103)	\$(294)	\$(5)

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	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015			
	Fair Value Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Commodity derivatives:				
Natural Gas:				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ —	\$ —
Swing Swaps IFERC	10	2	8	—
Fixed Swaps/Futures	274	274	—	—
Forward Physical Swaps	4	—	4	—
Power:				
Forwards	22	—	22	—
Futures	3	3	—	—
Options – Puts	1	1	—	—
Options – Calls	1	1	—	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	99	99	—	—
Refined Products – Futures	9	9	—	—
Crude – Futures	9	9	—	—
Total commodity derivatives	448	414	34	—
Total assets	\$ 448	\$ 414	\$ 34	\$ —
Liabilities:				
Interest rate derivatives	\$ (171)	\$ —	\$ (171)	\$ —
Embedded derivatives in the Preferred Units	(5)	—	—	(5)
Commodity derivatives:				
Natural Gas:				
Basis Swaps IFERC/NYMEX	(16)	(16)	—	—
Swing Swaps IFERC	(12)	(2)	(10)	—
Fixed Swaps/Futures	(203)	(203)	—	—
Power:				
Forwards	(22)	—	(22)	—
Futures	(2)	(2)	—	—
Options – Puts	(1)	(1)	—	—
Natural Gas Liquids – Forwards/Swaps	(89)	(89)	—	—
Crude – Futures	(5)	(5)	—	—
Total commodity derivatives	(350)	(318)	(32)	—
Total liabilities	\$ (526)	\$ (318)	\$ (203)	\$ (5)

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for our Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ (5)
Net unrealized gains included in other income (expense)	—
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$ (5)

6. NET LOSS PER LIMITED PARTNER UNIT

Net income for partners' capital and statement of operations presentation purposes is allocated to the General Partner and Limited Partners in accordance with their respective partnership percentages, after giving effect to priority income allocations for incentive distributions, if any, to the General Partner, the holder of the IDRs pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, which

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are declared and paid following the close of each quarter. Earnings in excess of distributions are allocated to the General Partner and Limited Partners based on their respective ownership interests. Loss attributable to predecessor represents amounts allocated to the former Regency partners and have no impact on net income (loss) per unit for the periods prior to the Regency Merger.

A reconciliation of net income and weighted average units used in computing basic and diluted net loss per unit is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Net income	\$376	\$268
Less: Income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	65	(6)
Less: Loss attributable to predecessor	—	(7)
Net income, net of noncontrolling interest and predecessor income	311	281
General Partner's interest in net income	297	242
Class H Unitholder's interest in net income	79	54
Class I Unitholder's interest in net income	2	33
Common Unitholders' interest in net loss	(67)	(48)
Additional earnings allocated to General Partner	(3)	(2)
Distributions on employee unit awards, net of allocation to General Partner	(5)	(4)
Net loss available to Common Unitholders	\$(75)	\$(54)
Weighted average Common Units – basic and diluted ⁽¹⁾	490.2	323.8
Basic net loss per Common Unit	\$(0.15)	\$(0.17)
Diluted net loss per Common Unit	\$(0.15)	\$(0.17)

⁽¹⁾ Excludes Common Units owned by the Partnership's consolidated subsidiaries.

7. DEBT OBLIGATIONS**Revolving Credit Facilities****ETP Credit Facility**

The ETP Credit Facility allows for borrowings of up to \$3.75 billion and expires in November 2019. The indebtedness under the ETP Credit Facility is unsecured, is not guaranteed by any of the Partnership's subsidiaries and has equal rights to holders of our current and future unsecured debt. As of March 31, 2016, the ETP Credit Facility had \$4 million of outstanding borrowings.

Sunoco Logistics Credit Facilities

Sunoco Logistics maintains a \$2.5 billion unsecured revolving credit agreement (the "Sunoco Logistics Credit Facility"), which matures in March 2020. The Sunoco Logistics Credit Facility contains an accordion feature, under which the total aggregate commitment may be increased to \$3.25 billion under certain conditions. As of March 31, 2016, the Sunoco Logistics Credit Facility had \$942 million of outstanding borrowings.

Compliance with Our Covenants

We were in compliance with all requirements, tests, limitations, and covenants related to our credit agreements as of March 31, 2016.

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8. EQUITY

ETP

The changes in outstanding common units during the three months ended March 31, 2016 were as follows:

	Number of Units
Number of common units at December 31, 2015	505.6
Common units issued in connection with equity distribution agreements	11.2
Common units issued in connection with the distribution reinvestment plan	1.8
Number of common units at March 31, 2016	518.6

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Partnership received proceeds of \$324 million, net of \$3 million commissions, from the issuance of common units pursuant to equity distribution agreements, which were used for general partnership purposes. As of March 31, 2016, none of the Partnership's common units were available to be issued under an equity distribution agreement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, distributions of \$39 million were reinvested under the distribution reinvestment plan. As of March 31, 2016, a total of 9.7 million common units remain available to be issued under the existing registration statement in connection with the distribution reinvestment plan.

Sunoco Logistics

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, Sunoco Logistics received proceeds of \$301 million, net of \$3 million commissions, from the issuance of Sunoco Logistics common units pursuant to equity distribution agreements, which were used for general partnership purposes. As a result of Sunoco Logistics' issuances of common units during the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Partnership recognized increases in partners' capital of \$5 million.

Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

Following are distributions declared and/or paid by the Partnership subsequent to December 31, 2015:

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Rate
December 31, 2015	February 8, 2016	February 16, 2016	\$1.0550
March 31, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 16, 2016	1.0550

ETE agreed to relinquish its right to the following amounts of incentive distributions in future periods, including distributions on Class I Units.

	Total Year
2016 (remainder)	\$103
2017	128
2018	105
2019	95

Sunoco Logistics Quarterly Distributions of Available Cash

Following are distributions declared and/or paid by Sunoco Logistics subsequent to December 31, 2015:

Quarter Ended	Record Date	Payment Date	Rate
December 31, 2015	February 8, 2016	February 12, 2016	\$0.4790
March 31, 2016	May 9, 2016	May 13, 2016	0.4890

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents the components of AOCI, net of tax:

	March 31, December 31,	
	2016	2015
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 2	\$ —
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(5)	(4)
Net loss on interest rate derivative hedges	(6)	—
Actuarial gain related to pensions and other postretirement benefits	(1)	8
Total AOCI, net of tax	\$ (10)	\$ 4

9. INCOME TAXES

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Partnership's effective income tax rate decreased from the prior year primarily due to lower earnings among the Partnership's consolidated corporate subsidiaries. The three months ended March 31, 2016 also reflected a benefit of \$20 million of net state tax benefit attributable to statutory state rate changes resulting from the contribution by ETP to Sunoco LP of its remaining 68.42% interest in Sunoco, LLC and 100% interest in the legacy Sunoco, Inc. retail business.

10. REGULATORY MATTERS, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

Contingent Residual Support Agreement – AmeriGas

In connection with the closing of the contribution of its propane operations in January 2012, ETP agreed to provide contingent, residual support of \$1.55 billion of intercompany borrowings made by AmeriGas and certain of its affiliates with maturities through 2022 from a finance subsidiary of AmeriGas that have maturity dates and repayment terms that mirror those of an equal principal amount of senior notes issued by this finance company subsidiary to third party purchasers.

ETP Retail Holdings Guarantee of Sunoco LP Notes

Retail Holdings has provided a guarantee of collection, but not of payment, to Sunoco LP with respect to (i) \$800 million principal amount of 6.375% senior notes due 2023 issued by Sunoco LP, (ii) \$800 million principal amount of 6.25% senior notes due 2021 issued by Sunoco LP and (iii) \$2.035 billion aggregate principal for Sunoco LP's term loan due 2019.

NGL Pipeline Regulation

We have interests in NGL pipelines located in Texas and New Mexico. We commenced the interstate transportation of NGLs in 2013, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC under the Interstate Commerce Act ("ICA") and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Under the ICA, tariff rates must be just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory and pipelines may not confer any undue preference. The tariff rates established for interstate services were based on a negotiated agreement; however, the FERC's rate-making methodologies may limit our ability to set rates based on our actual costs, may delay or limit the use of rates that reflect increased costs and may subject us to potentially burdensome and expensive operational, reporting and other requirements. Any of the foregoing could adversely affect our business, revenues and cash flow.

FERC Audit

In March 2016, the FERC commenced an audit of Trunkline for the period from January 1, 2013 to present to evaluate Trunkline's compliance with the requirements of its FERC gas tariff, the accounting regulations of the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed by the FERC, and the FERC's annual reporting requirements.

Commitments

In the normal course of our business, we purchase, process and sell natural gas pursuant to long-term contracts and we enter into long-term transportation and storage agreements. Such contracts contain terms that are customary in the industry. We believe that the terms of these agreements are commercially reasonable and will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

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We have certain non-cancelable leases for property and equipment, which require fixed monthly rental payments and expire at various dates through 2058. The table below reflects rental expense under these operating leases included in operating expenses in the accompanying statements of operations, which include contingent rentals, and rental expense recovered through related sublease rental income:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015
Rental expense ⁽¹⁾	\$18	\$52
Less: Sublease rental income	—	(8)
Rental expense, net	\$18	\$44

(1) Includes contingent rentals totaling \$14 million and \$4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Our joint venture agreements require that we fund our proportionate share of capital contributions to our unconsolidated affiliates. Such contributions will depend upon our unconsolidated affiliates' capital requirements, such as for funding capital projects or repayment of long-term obligations.

Litigation and Contingencies

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. Natural gas and crude oil are flammable and combustible. Serious personal injury and significant property damage can arise in connection with their transportation, storage or use. In the ordinary course of business, we are sometimes threatened with or named as a defendant in various lawsuits seeking actual and punitive damages for product liability, personal injury and property damage. We maintain liability insurance with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles management believes are reasonable and prudent, and which are generally accepted in the industry. However, there can be no assurance that the levels of insurance protection currently in effect will continue to be available at reasonable prices or that such levels will remain adequate to protect us from material expenses related to product liability, personal injury or property damage in the future.

MTBE Litigation

Sunoco, Inc., along with other refiners, manufacturers and sellers of gasoline, is a defendant in lawsuits alleging MTBE contamination of groundwater. The plaintiffs typically include water purveyors and municipalities responsible for supplying drinking water and governmental authorities. The plaintiffs primarily assert product liability claims and additional claims including nuisance, trespass, negligence, violation of environmental laws and deceptive business practices. The plaintiffs in all of the cases seek to recover compensatory damages, and in some cases also seek natural resource damages, injunctive relief, punitive damages and attorneys' fees.

As of March 31, 2016, Sunoco, Inc. is a defendant in five cases, including cases initiated by the States of New Jersey, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and two others by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the more recent Puerto Rico action being a companion case alleging damages for additional sites beyond those at issue in the initial Puerto Rico action.

Four of these cases are venued in a multidistrict litigation proceeding in a New York federal court. The New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Vermont, and Pennsylvania cases assert natural resource damage claims.

Fact discovery has concluded with respect to an initial set of 19 sites each that will be the subject of the first trial phase in the New Jersey case and the initial Puerto Rico case. Insufficient information has been developed about the plaintiffs' legal theories or the facts with respect to statewide natural resource damage claims to provide an analysis of the ultimate potential liability of Sunoco, Inc. in these matters. It is reasonably possible that a loss may be realized; however, we are unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued. Management believes that an adverse determination with respect to one or more of the MTBE cases could have a significant impact on results of operations during the period in which any said adverse determination occurs, but does not believe that any such adverse determination would have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's consolidated financial position.

Regency Merger Litigation

Following the January 26, 2015 announcement of the definitive merger agreement with Regency, purported Regency unitholders filed lawsuits in state and federal courts in Dallas, Texas and Delaware state court asserting claims relating to the proposed transaction. All Regency merger related lawsuits have been dismissed, though one lawsuit remains pending on

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appeal. On June 10, 2015, Adrian Dieckman (“Dieckman”), a purported Regency unitholder, filed a class action complaint on behalf of Regency’s common unitholders in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware. The lawsuit alleges that the transaction did not comply with the Regency partnership agreement because the conflicts committee was not properly formed. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, and on March 29, 2016, the Delaware court granted Defendants’ motion and dismissed the lawsuit. On April 26, 2016, Plaintiff filed its Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court of Delaware. This appeal is styled Adrian Dieckman v. Regency GP LP, et al., No. 208, 2016, in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware.

Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. and Enterprise Products Operating LLC Litigation

On January 27, 2014, a trial commenced between ETP against Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. and Enterprise Products Operating LLC (collectively, “Enterprise”) and Enbridge (US) Inc. Trial resulted in a verdict in favor of ETP against Enterprise that consisted of \$319 million in compensatory damages and \$595 million in disgorgement to ETP. The jury also found that ETP owed Enterprise approximately \$1 million under a reimbursement agreement. On July 29, 2014, the trial court entered a final judgment in favor of ETP and awarded ETP \$536 million, consisting of compensatory damages, disgorgement, and pre-judgment interest. The trial court also ordered that ETP shall be entitled to recover post-judgment interest and costs of court and that Enterprise is not entitled to any net recovery on its counterclaims. Enterprise has filed a notice of appeal with the Texas Court of Appeals, and briefing by Enterprise and ETP is complete. Oral argument was held on April 20, 2016. The Court of Appeals is taking the briefs under advisement. In accordance with GAAP, no amounts related to the original verdict or the July 29, 2014 final judgment will be recorded in our financial statements until the appeal process is completed.

Other Litigation and Contingencies

We or our subsidiaries are a party to various legal proceedings and/or regulatory proceedings incidental to our businesses. For each of these matters, we evaluate the merits of the case, our exposure to the matter, possible legal or settlement strategies, the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and the availability of insurance coverage. If we determine that an unfavorable outcome of a particular matter is probable and can be estimated, we accrue the contingent obligation, as well as any expected insurance recoverable amounts related to the contingency. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, accruals of approximately \$59 million and \$40 million, respectively, were reflected on our consolidated balance sheets related to these contingent obligations. As new information becomes available, our estimates may change. The impact of these changes may have a significant effect on our results of operations in a single period.

The outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and there can be no assurance that the outcome of a particular matter will not result in the payment of amounts that have not been accrued for the matter. Furthermore, we may revise accrual amounts prior to resolution of a particular contingency based on changes in facts and circumstances or changes in the expected outcome. Currently, we are not able to estimate possible losses or a range of possible losses in excess of amounts accrued.

No amounts have been recorded in our March 31, 2016 or December 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheets for contingencies and current litigation, other than amounts disclosed herein.

Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. New England Gas Company.

On July 7, 2011, the Massachusetts Attorney General (“AG”) filed a regulatory complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (“MDPU”) against New England Gas Comp