

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.

Form 8-K

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**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

April 29, 2012

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1818 Market Street, Suite 1500

Philadelphia, PA
(Address of principal executive offices)

19103-3615
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 977-3000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On April 29, 2012, Sunoco, Inc. (*Sunoco*), the parent of Sunoco Partners LLC (the *Company*), the general partner Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P. (the *Partnership*), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the *Merger Agreement*) with Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (*ETP*), Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., the general partner of ETP, Sam Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of ETP (*Merger Sub*), and, for certain limited purposes set forth in the Merger Agreement, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., the indirect parent of ETP GP and ETP.

The Merger Agreement provides that, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Sunoco (the *Merger*), with Sunoco continuing as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of ETP. Upon consummation of the Merger and the transactions related thereto, ETP will indirectly own the Partnership's general partnership interest and incentive distribution rights. Sunoco filed a copy of the Merger Agreement as Exhibit 2.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2012, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012 by and among Sunoco, Inc., Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., Sam Acquisition Corporation, Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of Sunoco, Inc.'s (File No. 1-6841) Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 30, 2012). |

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. (*ETP*) and Sunoco, Inc. (*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, 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:

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.
3738 Oak Lawn Ave.
Dallas, TX 75219

Sunoco, Inc.
1818 Market Street, Suite 1500
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Attention: Investor Relations
Phone: (214) 981-0795
E-mail: InvestorRelations@energytransfer.com

Attention: Investor Relations
Phone: (215) 977-6764
Email: SunocoIR@sunocoinc.com

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

ETP and Sunoco, and their respective directors, executive officers and affiliates 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 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 transaction, future financial and operating results, benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction, future opportunities for the combined company, and any other statements about ETP, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (ETE), Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P. (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 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 on relationships, including with employees, suppliers, customers and competitors; the ability to achieve revenue growth; national, international, regional and local economic, competitive and regulatory conditions and developments; technological developments; capital and credit markets conditions; inflation rates; interest rates; the political and economic stability of oil producing nations; energy markets, including changes in the price of certain commodities; weather conditions; environmental conditions; business and regulatory or legal decisions; the pace of deregulation of retail natural gas and electricity and certain agricultural products; the timing and success of business development efforts; terrorism; and the other factors described in the Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC by ETP, ETE, SXL and Sunoco. ETP, ETE, 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.

SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS L.P.

Dated: May 2, 2012

By: Sunoco Partners LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ KATHLEEN SHEA-BALLAY
Kathleen Shea-Ballay
Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

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