

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Brannon Richard D

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2016

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. [ETE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

C/O CH4 ENERGY III,
LLC,Â 421 W. 3RD ST., SUITE
750

(Street)

FORT WORTH,Â TXÂ 76102

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Units

38,400

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| SERIES A CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED UNITS | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Units | 38,400 (2) | \$ 6.56 (3) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Brannon Richard D C/O CH4 ENERGY III, LLC 421 W. 3RD ST., SUITE 750 FORT WORTH, TX 76102 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

Sonia Aube, Attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Brannon

03/23/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The Series A Convertible Preferred Units (the "Convertible Units") representing limited partner interests in Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the "Partnership") will automatically convert on the first business day following the date that is the earliest of (a) May 18, 2018, (b) the date upon which all Convertible Units would be convertible into 136,612,021 common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership ("common units"), (c) the date of a change of control of the Partnership or (d) the date of a dissolution of the Partnership (the "Conversion Date").

(2) . On the Conversion Date, each Convertible Unit will automatically convert into common units, the number of which will be determined by dividing (a) the Conversion Value (as defined below) on that date by (b) \$6.56. The conversion value of each Convertible Unit (the "Conversion Value") on the transaction date is zero, and the Conversion Value will increase each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to \$0.285 less the cash distribution actually paid with respect to each Convertible Unit for such quarter (or, if prior to the closing of the Partnership's acquisition of The Williams Companies, Inc., or earlier termination of the merger agreement relating to such acquisition, with respect to each Participating Common Unit (as defined below)).

(3) One Convertible Unit was issued for each common unit (a "Participating Common Unit") that the holder validly elected to participate in a plan (the "Plan") to forgo a portion of future potential cash distributions on Participating Common Units for a period of up to nine fiscal quarters, commencing with distributions for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2016.

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