Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. Form 8-K January 19, 2017

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): January 19, 2017

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

DELAWARE 001-33503 20-8536826 (State of incorporation or organization) (Commission file number) (I.R.S. employer identification number)

201 NW 10th, Suite 200 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (405) 278-6400

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[] 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 January 19, 2017, Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that on February 14, 2017, it will pay quarterly distributions of \$0.1450 per common unit, unchanged from the Partnership's third quarter 2016 distribution, and \$0.17875 per preferred unit to its common and preferred unitholders of record as of the close of business on February 3, 2017. A copy of the Press Release is furnished as an exhibit to this Current Report.

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

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of the Exchange Act.

## EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 —Press release, dated January 19, 2017.

## 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.

BLUEKNIGHT ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Blueknight Energy Partners G.P., L.L.C. its General Partner

Date: January 19, 2017 By:/s/ Alex G. Stallings Alex G. Stallings Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

## EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 —Press release, dated January 19, 2017.