

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

Form 425

February 02, 2016

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

February 2, 2016

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32740

(Commission
File Number)

30-0108820

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

8111 Westchester Drive, Suite 600

Dallas, TX 75225

(Address of principal executive offices)

(214) 981-0700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 2, 2016, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (“ETE”) issued an internal announcement that, effective upon closing of the previously announced merger of ETE and The Williams Companies, Inc. (“Williams”), Don Chappel will assume the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner of Williams Partners L.P. (“WPZ”). Mr. Chappel currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Williams. Closing of the merger transaction remains subject to customary conditions, including the receipt of approval of the merger from Williams’ stockholders and all required regulatory approvals, including anti-trust approval of the Federal Trade Commission.

In his new role with WPZ, Mr. Chappel will report to Mackie McCrea, ETE’s Group Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer. As ETE and Williams continue the integration planning process, it is expected that Mr. Chappel will take on an expanded role in the integration efforts, including the organizational design of WPZ.

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.

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.
By: LE GP, LLC,
its general partner

Date: February 2, 2016

/s/ John W. McReynolds
John W. McReynolds
President