

ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS LP

Form 8-K

December 22, 2015

**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): December 21, 2015**

**ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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| <b>DELAWARE</b>                     | <b>1-10934</b>      | <b>39-1715850</b>     |
| <b>(State or Other Jurisdiction</b> | <b>(Commission</b>  | <b>(IRS Employer</b>  |
| <b>of Incorporation)</b>            | <b>File Number)</b> | <b>Identification</b> |
|                                     |                     | <b>No.)</b>           |

**1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 3300, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(713) 821-2000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 December 21, 2015, Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.'s ("**Enbridge**") and Enbridge Inc. issued a joint press release regarding the December 17, 2015 hearing in which the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("**Commission**") voted on several matters regarding the process to review the applications for a certificate of need and route permit for Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper pipeline and the Line 3 pipeline replacement project. The outcome of one of the Commission's votes, however, seems to contemplate the need to finalize an environmental impact statement for the Enbridge pipeline projects prior to, rather than contemporaneously with, the Commission addressing other required matters. If upheld in the final order, this requirement could potentially delay the completion dates of the pipelines beyond the dates originally anticipated by Enbridge.

Enbridge will not be in a position to fully assess the potential impact of the Commission votes until it has had an opportunity to review the formal written order, which is not expected to be released for approximately 30 to 60 days.

The above description of the press release is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Reference is made to the "Index of Exhibits" following the signature page, which is hereby incorporated into this Item.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**

**(Registrant)**

By: Enbridge Energy Management, L.L.C.  
as delegate of Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.,  
  
its General Partner

Date: December 22, 2015 By: /s/ Chris Kaitson  
Chris Kaitson

*Vice President – Law and Assistant Corporate Secretary*

*(Duly Authorized Officer)*

**Index of Exhibits**

**Exhibit Description**

**Number**

99.1 Press release dated December 21, 2015