

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ATKINSON BRADLEY K**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2838 WOODSIDE  
 (Street)

DALLAS, TX 75204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. [ETP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/16/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

V.P. Corporate Development

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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |        |   |   |
| Common Units                    | 08/16/2005                           | 08/16/2005   | A                              |   | 1,000   | A  | \$ 35.69                          | 54,334 | I | Owned by Bradley K. Atkinson Family Investments LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 54,866 | D |   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| ATKINSON BRADLEY K<br>2838 WOODSIDE<br>DALLAS, TX 75204 |               |           | V.P. Corporate Development |       |

### Signatures

/s/ Robert A. Burk, by Power of Attorney  
 08/17/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of common units held by Bradley K. Atkinson Family Investments LP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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