

ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS LP

Form 8-K

November 06, 2013

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): November 5, 2013

ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction

1-10934
(Commission

39-1715850
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 3300, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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(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)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed, Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., referred to herein as we, expects that it will be required to pay civil penalties under the Clean Water Act of the United States in respect of the July 2010 Line 6B crude oil release. As a result of recent communications from responsible governmental agencies, we expect to accrue \$22 million in the fourth quarter of 2013 in respect of these matters. While no final fine or penalty amount has been assessed or agreed to date, we believe that, based on the information available at this time, \$22 million represents approximately the minimum amount which may be assessed under the Clean Water Act, excluding costs of injunctive relief, if any, that may be agreed or required by the relevant governmental agencies. Given the complexity of settlement negotiations, which we expect will continue, and the limited information available to assess the matter, we are unable to reasonably estimate the final penalty which might be incurred or to reasonably estimate a range of outcomes at this time. Discussions with governmental agencies regarding fines and penalties are preliminary and ongoing. The amount of any final fine and penalty or cost of injunctive relief may differ materially from the amount currently estimated as of November 5, 2013.

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: November 5, 2013

By: /s/ Noor Kaissi
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Controller

(Duly Authorized Officer)