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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated January 12, 2004)

1,640,000 Common Units

Representing Limited Partner Interests

We are offering 1,640,000 common units representing limited partner interests of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. to 10 purchasers in a privately negotiated transaction pursuant to this prospectus supplement at a price of \$31.95 per common unit.

Investing in the common units involves risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

June 17, 2005

Summary

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This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of common units. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to the common units. If the information in this prospectus supplement varies from the information in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement.

You should only rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. You should read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference and the other documents to which we refer for a more complete understanding of this offering. You should read Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and page 6 of the accompanying prospectus for more information about important risks that you should consider before buying common units in this offering. The information presented in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option. Throughout this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, we refer to ourselves, Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., and our predecessor, Heritage Propane Partners, L.P., as we, us, our or Energy Transfer Partners.

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

We are a rapidly-growing master limited partnership engaged in the natural gas midstream, transportation and storage business, with operations in Texas and Louisiana, and in the retail propane marketing business, with operations in 33 states.

Our midstream, transportation and storage business owns and/or operates approximately 11,700 miles of natural gas gathering and transportation pipelines, three natural gas processing plants, two of which are currently connected to our gathering systems, 14 natural gas treating facilities and three natural gas storage facilities. Our midstream segment focuses on the transportation, gathering, compression, treating, processing and marketing of natural gas, and its operations are currently concentrated in the Austin Chalk trend of southeast Texas, the Permian Basin of west Texas, the Barnett Shale in north Texas and the Bossier Sands in east Texas. Our midstream segment also includes the recently acquired Houston Pipeline System which is comprised of approximately 4,200 miles of intrastate natural gas pipeline, the 65 Bcf of working gas underground Bammel storage reservoir and related transportation assets. The Houston Pipeline System has access to multiple sources of historically significant natural gas supply reserves from south Texas, the Gulf Coast, east Texas and the western Gulf of Mexico and is directly connected to major gas distribution, electric and industrial load centers in Houston, Corpus Christi, Texas City, Baytown, Beaumont and Port Arthur. Our transportation and storage segment focuses on the transportation of natural gas through the Oasis pipeline, our Bossier pipeline, our natural gas pipeline and storage assets that we refer to as the ET Fuel System and certain transportation assets of the recently acquired Houston Pipeline System. The Oasis pipeline is a 583-mile natural gas pipeline that directly connects the Waha Hub, a major natural gas trading center located in the Permian Basin of west Texas, to the Katy Hub, a major natural gas trading center near Houston, Texas. The Bossier pipeline, which became commercially operational in June 2004, connects natural gas supplies in east Texas to our Katy pipeline. The ET Fuel System, which serves some of the most active drilling areas in the United States, is comprised of approximately 2,000 miles of intrastate natural gas pipeline and related natural gas storage facilities located in Texas. With approximately 460 receipt and/or delivery points, including interconnects with pipelines providing direct access to power plants and interconnects with other intrastate and interstate pipelines, the ET Fuel System is strategically located near high-growth production areas and major markets such as the Waha Hub, the Katy Hub and the Carthage Hub, three major natural gas trading centers located in Texas. The Houston Pipeline System consists of six main transportation pipelines and three market area loops and has direct access to multiple market hubs at Katy, the Houston Ship Channel, Ague Dulce and through its operation of the Bammel storage facility.

In April, 2005, we announced that we had completed the sale of our Oklahoma gathering, treating and processing assets, which we refer to as our Elk City System, to Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P.

We are the fourth largest retail propane marketer in the United States, serving more than 650,000 customers from 311 customer service locations. Our propane operations extend from coast to coast, with concentrations in the western, upper midwestern, northeastern and

southeastern regions of the United States.

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We were originally formed in conjunction with our initial public offering as Heritage Propane Partners, L.P. in June 1996. In January 2004, we combined the propane operations of Heritage Propane Partners with the natural gas midstream and transportation operations of La Grange Acquisition conducted under the name Energy Transfer Company. We refer to this combination, along with the incurrence of debt and the issuance of our equity securities in connection with that combination, as the Energy Transfer Transactions. In March 2004, we changed our name to Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

Our executive offices are located at 2838 Woodside Street, Dallas, Texas 75204. Our telephone number is (214) 981-0700. We maintain a website at http://www.energytransfer.com that provides information about our business and operations. Information contained on this website, however, is not incorporated into or otherwise a part of this prospectus.

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THE OFFERING

Common units offered 1,640,000 common units.

Common units outstanding immediately after this offering

103,884,572 common units.

Other units outstanding immediately

after this offering

1,000,000 class C units

and 8,853,832 class E units.

Use of proceeds We will receive net proceeds of approximately \$52.1 million from this offering. We plan to use the net

cash proceeds from this offering for general partnership purposes.

Risk Factors Please read Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and on page 6 of the

accompanying prospectus for a discussion of risks relating to an investment in our common units.

New York Stock Exchange symbol ETP.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common units involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors included below and under the caption Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus, together with all of the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement in evaluating an investment in our common units. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common units could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

We may be unable to successfully integrate the operations of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System with our operations and to realize all of the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System.

Integration of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System with our business and operations will be a complex, time consuming and costly process. Failure to successfully integrate the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System with our business and operations in a timely manner may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The difficulties of combining the companies include, among other things:

operating a significantly larger combined company and integrating additional midstream operations to our existing operations;

the necessity of coordinating geographically disparate organizations, systems and facilities;

integrating personnel with diverse business backgrounds and organizational cultures; and

consolidating corporate and administrative functions.

In addition, we may not realize all of the anticipated benefits from our acquisition of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System due to a number of potential factors including the impact of competition, fluctuations in markets, higher costs and difficulties in integrating operations.

We will also be exposed to risks that are commonly associated with transactions similar to this acquisition, such as unanticipated liabilities and costs, some of which may be material, and diversion of management s attention. As a result, the anticipated benefits of the acquisition may not be fully realized, if at all.

We encounter competition from other midstream, transportation and storage companies and propane companies.

We experience competition in all of our markets. Our principal areas of competition include obtaining natural gas supplies for the Southeast Texas System and natural gas transportation customers for the Oasis Pipeline, the Bossier Pipeline and the ET Fuel System. Our competitors include major integrated oil companies, interstate and intrastate pipelines and companies that gather, compress, treat, process, transport and market natural gas. The Oasis Pipeline competes directly with two other major intrastate pipelines that link the Waha Hub and the Houston area, one of which is owned by Duke Energy Field Services, LLC and the other one of which is owned by El Paso Corporation and American Electric Power Service Corporation. The Southeast Texas System competes with natural gas gathering and processing systems owned by Duke Energy Field Services, LLC. The Bossier Pipeline competes with other natural gas transportation pipelines that serve the Bossier Sands area in east Texas and the Barnett Shale area of the Fort Worth Basin in north Texas. The ET Fuel System competes with a number of other natural gas pipelines, including interstate and intrastate pipelines that link the Waha Hub and the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and other pipelines that serve the east central Texas and south Texas markets. Pipelines that we compete with in these areas include those owned by Atmos Energy Corporation, Enterprise Products Partners, L.P. and Enbridge, Inc. Many of our competitors have greater financial resources and access to larger natural gas supplies than we do.

The acquisition of the Houston Pipeline System, which will increase the number of interstate pipelines and natural gas markets to which we have access, will also expand our principal areas of competition to areas such as southeast Texas and the Texas Gulf Coast. As a result of our expanded market presence and diversification, we will face additional competitors, such as major integrated oil companies, interstate and intrastate pipelines and companies that gather, compress, treat, process, transport and market natural gas, that have greater financial resources and access to larger natural gas supplies than we do.

Our propane business competes with a number of large national and regional propane companies, and several thousand small independent propane companies. Because of the relatively low barriers to entry into the retail propane market, there is potential for small independent propane retailers, as well as other companies that may not currently be engaged in retail propane distribution, to compete with our retail outlets. As a result, we are always subject to the risk of additional competition in the future. Generally, warmer-than-normal weather further intensifies competition. Most of our propane retail branch locations compete with several other marketers or distributors in their service areas. The principal factors influencing competition with other retail propane marketers are:

price,
reliability and quality of service,
responsiveness to customer needs,
safety concerns,
long-standing customer relationships,
the inconvenience of switching tanks and suppliers, and
the lack of growth in the industry.

We are exposed to the credit risk of our customers, and an increase in the nonpayment and nonperformance by our customers could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Risks of nonpayment and nonperformance by our customers are a major concern in our business. Participants in the energy industry have been subjected to heightened scrutiny from the financial markets in light of past collapses and failures of other energy companies. We are subject to risks of loss resulting from nonpayment or nonperformance by our customers. Any increase in the nonpayment and nonperformance by our customers could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

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Our increased debt level may limit our future financial and operating flexibility.

As of February 28, 2005, we had approximately \$1.8 billion of consolidated debt outstanding, which represents 67% of our total book capitalization as of that date. As a result of the acquisition of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System and the related financings, our financial leverage is higher. Our level of indebtedness affects our operations in several ways, including, among other things:

a significant portion of our cash flow from operations will be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt and will not be available for other purposes, including payment of distributions;

covenants contained in our existing debt arrangements require us to meet financial tests that may adversely affect our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in our business;

our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and general partnership purposes may be limited;

we may be at a competitive disadvantage relative to similar companies that have less debt; and

we may be more vulnerable to adverse economic and industry conditions as a result of our significant debt level.

The ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System are subject to operational, regulatory and environmental risks.

The operations of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System are similar in many ways to the operations conducted by our existing transportation assets, and as a result, are subject to similar operational risks, regulatory requirements, environmental liabilities and pipeline right-of-way issues as potentially exist for our current transportation assets as described in the accompanying prospectus. Please read Risk Factors Risks Related to our Midstream and Transportation Business and Business Energy Transfer Company Regulation in the accompanying prospectus.

In addition, the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System are subject to the jurisdiction of the TRRC. Generally, the TRRC has jurisdiction over all underground storage of natural gas in Texas, unless the facility is part of an interstate gas pipeline facility. Because the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System natural gas storage facilities are only connected to intrastate gas pipelines, they fall within the TRRC s jurisdiction. Under the TRRC s regulations, a natural gas storage facility must have a commission-issued permit to operate. Our purchase of the assets of the ET Fuel System from TXU Fuel Company required us to apply for transfers of the permits as operators of the storage facilities acquired from TXU Fuel Company. We have made applications for the transfer of these permits and are awaiting TRRC approval. Some changes to a permit, such as facility expansions and increases in the maximum operating pressure, must be approved through an amendment process before the TRRC. In addition, the TRRC must approve transfers of the permits. The TRRC s regulations also require all natural gas storage facilities to be operated to prevent waste, the uncontrolled escape of gas, pollution and danger to life or property. Accordingly, the TRRC requires natural gas storage facilities to implement certain safety, monitoring, reporting and record-keeping measures. Violations of the terms and provisions of a TRRC permit or a TRRC order or regulation can result in the modification, cancellation or suspension of an operating permit and/or civil penalties, injunctive relief, or both.

The ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System are comprised of assets such as storage facilities for which we do not have operating experience.

The assets of the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System included storage facilities, which are a type of asset that we have limited experience operating. Operation of these assets will subject us to different governmental regulations and may result in increased costs. The success of our business strategy related to the operation of the ET

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Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System is dependent upon our ability to capitalize on significant operating synergies to further enhance the value of the assets. If we are unable to operate these assets in accordance with our business strategy, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our storage business depends on neighboring pipelines to transport natural gas.

To obtain natural gas, our storage business depends on the pipelines to which they have access. Many of these pipelines are owned by parties not affiliated with us. Any interruption of service on those pipelines or adverse change in their terms and conditions of service could have a material adverse effect on our ability, and the ability of our customers, to transport natural gas to and from our facilities and a corresponding material adverse effect on our storage revenues. In addition, the rates charged by those interconnected pipelines for transportation to and from our facilities affect the utilization and value of our storage services. Significant changes in the rates charged by those pipelines or the rates charged by other pipelines with which the interconnected pipelines compete could also have a material adverse effect on our storage revenues.

We may not be able to fully execute our growth strategy if we encounter illiquid capital markets or increased competition for qualified assets.

Our strategy contemplates growth through the development and acquisition of a wide range of midstream, transportation, storage, propane and other energy infrastructure assets while maintaining a strong balance sheet. This strategy includes constructing and acquiring additional assets and businesses to enhance our ability to compete effectively and diversify our asset portfolio, thereby providing more stable cash flow. We regularly consider and enter into discussions regarding, and are currently contemplating, the acquisition of additional assets and businesses, stand alone development projects or other transactions that we believe will present opportunities to realize synergies and increase our cash flow.

We may require substantial new capital to finance the future development and acquisition of assets and businesses. Limitations on our access to capital will impair our ability to execute this strategy. Expensive capital will limit our ability to develop or acquire accretive assets. We may not be able to raise the necessary funds on satisfactory terms, if at all.

Consistent with our acquisition strategy, we are continuously engaged in discussions with potential sellers regarding the possible acquisition of additional assets or businesses. Such acquisition efforts may involve our participation in processes that involve a number of potential buyers, commonly referred to as auction processes, as well as situations where we believe we are the only party or one of a very limited number of potential buyers in negotiations with the potential seller. We can give you no assurance that our current or future acquisition efforts will be successful or that any such acquisition will be completed on terms considered favorable to us.

In addition, we are experiencing increased competition for the assets we purchase or contemplate purchasing. Increased competition for a limited pool of assets could result in us losing to other bidders more often or acquiring assets at higher prices. Either occurrence would limit our ability to fully execute our growth strategy. Our inability to execute our growth strategy may materially adversely impact the market price of our securities.

Our pipeline integrity program may impose significant costs and liabilities on us.

In December 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a final rule requiring pipeline operators to develop integrity management programs to comprehensively evaluate their pipelines, and take measures to protect pipeline segments located in what the rule refers to as high consequence areas. The final rule resulted from the enactment of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002. The final rule was effective as of January 14, 2004. Based on the results of our current pipeline integrity testing programs, we estimate that compliance with this final rule for our existing transportation assets will result in capital costs of \$4.5 million during 2005 to 2010, as well as operating and maintenance costs of \$1.8 million during 2005 to 2010. We are continuing to assess the impact of this final rule on the ET Fuel System and the Houston Pipeline System and cannot predict any estimated compliance costs for those assets at this time. Integrity testing and assessment of all of these assets will continue, and the potential exists that results of such testing and assessment could cause us to incur even greater capital and operating expenditures for repairs or upgrades deemed necessary to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of our pipelines.

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If we do not make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, any future growth will be limited.

Our ability to grow and to increase distributions to unitholders is dependent principally on our ability to make acquisitions that are accretive to our distributable cash flow per unit. our acquisition strategy is based, in part, on our expectation of ongoing divestitures of pipeline assets by large industry participants. A material decrease in such divestitures would limit our opportunities for future acquisitions and could adversely affect our operations and cash flows available for distribution to our unitholders.

In addition, we may be unable to make such accretive acquisitions for any of the following reasons, among others:

because we are unable to identify attractive acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable purchase contracts with them;

because we are unable to raise financing for such acquisitions on economically acceptable terms; or

because we are outbid by competitors, some of which are substantially larger than us and have greater financial resources and lower costs of capital then we do.

Furthermore, even if we consummate acquisitions that we believe will be accretive, they may in fact result in no increase or even a decrease in distributable cash flow per unit. Any acquisition involves potential risks, including risks that we may:

fail to realize anticipated benefits, such as new customer relationships, cost-savings or cash flow enhancements;

decrease our liquidity by using a significant portion of our available cash or borrowing capacity to finance acquisitions;

significantly increase our interest expense or financial leverage if we incur additional debt to finance acquisitions;

encounter difficulties operating in new geographic areas or new lines of business;

incur or assume unanticipated liabilities, losses or costs associated with the business or assets acquired for which we are not indemnified or for which the indemnity is inadequate;

be unable to hire, train or retrain qualified personnel to manage and operate our growing business and assets;

less effectively manage our historical assets, due to the diversion of management s attention from other business concerns;

incur other significant charges, such as impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets, asset devaluation or restructuring charges.

If we consummate future acquisitions, our capitalization and results of operations may change significantly. As we determine the application of our funds and other resources, you will not have an opportunity to evaluate the economics, financial and other relevant information that we will consider.

On January 26, 2005, we consummated the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Houston Pipeline System for approximately \$825.0 million, subject to working capital adjustments. In addition, the payment for the inventory of working gas stored in the Bammel storage facility was financed through a short-term borrowing from a related party. We may be exposed to some or all of the risks described above in connection with this acquisition.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will receive net proceeds of approximately \$52.1 million from this offering. We plan to use the net cash proceeds from this offering for general partnership purposes.

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PRICE RANGE OF COMMON UNITS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The common units are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ETP. The following table shows the high and low sales prices for the common units on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape and the cash distribution paid per common unit for the quarterly periods ending on the dates indicated.

Common Unit Price Range

and Cash Distributions (a)

				Cash
Price Range	High	Low	Dist	ributions(b)
Fiscal 2002				
November 30, 2001	\$ 14.495	\$ 12.325	\$	0.31875
February 28, 2002	15.275	12.755		0.31875
May 31, 2002	14.50	13.25		0.31875
August 31, 2002	13.80	11.25		0.31875
Fiscal 2003				
November 30, 2002	\$ 14.125	\$ 12.25	\$	0.31875
February 28, 2003	14.785	13.525		0.31875
May 31, 2003	14.95	13.88		0.31875
August 31, 2003	16.27	14.80		0.3250
Fiscal 2004				
November 30, 2003	\$ 19.35	\$ 15.51	\$	0.3250
February 29, 2004	21.33	18.78		0.3500
May 31, 2004	20.125	17.25		0.3750
August 31, 2004	21.69	18.935		0.4125
Fiscal 2005				
November 30, 2004	\$ 27.00	\$ 21.59	\$	0.4375
February 28, 2005	32.55	25.925		0.4625
May 31, 2005	32.69	29.75		0.4875
August 31, 2005 (c)	33.99	32.00		

⁽a) All common unit and cash distributions have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 unit split that was effected in March 2005.

The last reported sales price of common units on the NYSE on June 17, 2005 was \$33.99 per common unit. As of June 17, 2005, there were approximately 55,000 individual common unitholders.

⁽b) Distributions are shown in the quarter with respect to which they were declared.

⁽c) Through June 17, 2005.

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TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The tax consequences to you of an investment in our common units will depend in part on your own tax circumstances. For a discussion of the principal federal income tax considerations associated with our operations and the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common units, see Material Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus. You may wish to consult with your own tax advisor about the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences peculiar to your circumstances.

Ownership of common units by tax-exempt entities, regulated investment companies and foreign investors raises issues unique to such persons. Recent legislation treats net income derived from the ownership of certain publicly traded partnerships (including us) as qualifying income to a regulated investment company. However, this legislation is only effective for taxable years beginning after October 22, 2004, the date of enactment. For taxable years beginning on or before the date of enactment, very little of our income will be qualifying income to a regulated investment company. Please read Material Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors in the accompanying prospectus.

Because of widespread state budget deficits, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the implementation of state income, franchise or other forms of taxation. If any state were to impose a tax upon us as an entity, our cash available for distribution would be reduced.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are selling the common units offered under this prospectus supplement directly to five investors in a privately negotiated transaction in which no party is acting as an underwriter. Subject to the terms of a purchase agreement dated June 17, 2005, the investors have agreed to purchase and we have agreed to sell to the investors 1,640,000 common units at a price of \$31.95 per common unit. The price per common unit was determined through negotiations with the investors based upon the market price for the common units.

We expect to deliver the common units through our transfer agent on June 20, 2005.

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EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. as of August 31, 2004, and for the year ended August 31, 2004; the consolidated financial statements of Heritage Propane Partners, L.P., as of August 31, 2003, and for the period ended January 19, 2004 and for the years ended August 31, 2003 and 2002; the consolidated balance sheet of U.S. Propane, L.P. as of August 31, 2004; and the consolidated balance sheet of U.S. Propane, L.L.C. as of August 31, 2004, all incorporated by reference in the prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement of which the prospectus is a part from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2004, have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as indicated in their reports with respect thereto, and are incorporated by reference in the prospectus in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in giving such reports. The audit report covering the consolidated financial statements of Heritage Propane Partners, L.P. refers to a change in accounting for stock-based compensation.

The consolidated financial statements of Aquila Gas Pipeline Corporation and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2002 and for the periods ended September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001; and the consolidated financial statements of Oasis Pipe Line Company as of December 27, 2002 and the period then ended; and the combined financial statements of Energy Transfer Company as of August 31, 2003 and for the eleven months then ended, incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, and are incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The audit report covering the consolidated financial statements of Aquila Gas Pipeline Corporation and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2002, and for the periods ended September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001 refers to a change in accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets.

The financial statements of TXU Fuel Company as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph referring to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143 which is included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of HPL Consolidation LP as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein, and have been so included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 that registers the securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit some information included in the registration statement from this prospectus.

In addition, we file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC s public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330 for further information on the operation of the SEC s public reference room. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC s web site at http://www.sec.gov. We also make available free of charge on our website, at http://www.energytransfer.com, all materials that we file electronically with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, Section 16 reports and amendments to these reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Additionally, you can obtain information about us through the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005, on which our common units are listed.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we have filed with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC. These other documents contain important information about us, our financial condition and results of operations. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and may replace information in this prospectus and information previously filed with the SEC.

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below:

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2004;

our definitive proxy statement filed by us under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on May 18, 2004;

our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended November 30, 2004 and February 28, 2005;

our current reports on Form 8-K filed June 14, 2004 (as amended on June 23, 2004), September 23, 2004, October 25, 2004, November 1, 2004 (as amended on November 2, 2004), November 3, 2004, January 3, 2005, January 12, 2005 (with respect to Item 8.01 only), January 19, 2005, January 31, 2005 (with respect to Item 8.01 only), February 1, 2005 (as amended on March 17, 2005), March 11, 2005, March 16, 2005, and April 12, 2005;

the description of our common units in our registration statement on Form 8-A (File No. 1-11727) filed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on May 16, 1996; and

all documents filed by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the registration statement.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC s website at the address provided above. You also may request a copy of any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including exhibits to those documents specifically incorporated by reference in this document), at no cost, by visiting our internet website at www.energytransfer.com, or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

8801 South Yale Avenue, Suite 310

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PROSPECTUS

\$800,000,000

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

Common Units

Debt Securities

Heritage Operating, L.P.

Debt Securities

1,988,846

Common Units

Offered By Selling Unitholders

The following securities may be offered under this prospectus:

Common units representing limited partner interests in Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.;

Debt securities of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.; and

Debt securities of Heritage Operating, L.P., in an aggregate initial offering price of \$800,000,000; and

Up to 1,988,846 common units offered by selling unitholders.

The aggregate initial offering price of the securities that we offer by this prospectus will not exceed \$800,000,000. We will offer the securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of our offerings. This prospectus describes only the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer the securities. The specific terms of any securities we offer will be included in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific manner in which we will offer the securities and also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. The common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ETP.

You should read this prospectus and the prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any of our securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of our securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Investing in our securities involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors described under <u>Risk</u> <u>Factors</u> beginning on page 3 of this prospectus before you make any investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is January 12, 2004.

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