

EQM Midstream Partners, LP
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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): **February 22, 2019**

EQM Midstream Partners, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-35574
(Commission File
Number)

37-1661577
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 2000
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

15222
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(412) 395-2688**

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Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On February 22, 2019, EQM Midstream Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (EQM), completed its previously announced simplification transaction pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 13, 2019 (the IDR Merger Agreement), by and among EQM, Equitrans Midstream Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (ETRN), EQM Midstream Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the former general partner of EQM (the Former EQM General Partner), EQGP Holdings, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (EQGP), EQGP Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the new general partner of EQM (the New EQM General Partner), Equitrans Merger Sub, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (Merger Sub), and certain other parties thereto. Pursuant to the IDR Merger Agreement, on February 22, 2019, (i) Merger Sub merged with and into EQGP (the Merger) with EQGP continuing as the surviving limited partnership and a wholly owned subsidiary of EQM following the Merger, and (ii) each of (a) the incentive distribution rights in EQM (the IDRs), (b) the economic portion of the general partner interest in EQM and (c) the issued and outstanding common units representing limited partner interests in EQGP were cancelled, and, as consideration for such cancellation, certain affiliates of ETRN received 80,000,000 newly-issued EQM common units and 7,000,000 newly-issued Class B units (Class B units), both representing limited partner interests in EQM, and the New EQM General Partner retained the non-economic general partner interest in EQM (the EQM IDR Transaction).

EQM is an indirect subsidiary of ETRN. As a result, the Board of Directors of the Former EQM General Partner established a Conflicts Committee (the Conflicts Committee) to review, evaluate and negotiate the EQM IDR Transaction for and on behalf of EQM, its subsidiaries and its public unitholders. The Conflicts Committee, by unanimous vote, determined that the EQM IDR Transaction is in the best interests of EQM and its subsidiaries and its public unitholders, approved the EQM IDR Transaction, and recommended to the Board of Directors of the Former EQM General Partner approval of the EQM IDR Transaction.

At the effective time of the EQM IDR Transaction, the 21,811,643 EQM common units held by EQGP were cancelled and 21,811,643 EQM common units were issued pro rata to the holders of EQGP common units. As a result of the EQM IDR Transaction, (i) the New EQM General Partner replaced the Former EQM General Partner as the general partner of EQM and (ii) the IDRs and economic general partner interest in EQM were cancelled and are no longer outstanding.

The Class B units are divided into three tranches, with the first tranche of 2,500,000 Class B units becoming convertible at the holder's option into EQM common units on April 1, 2021, the second tranche of 2,500,000 Class B units becoming convertible at the holder's option into EQM common units on April 1, 2022, and the third tranche of 2,000,000 Class B units becoming convertible at the holder's option into EQM common units on April 1, 2023 (each, a Class B unit conversion date). Additionally, the Class B units will become convertible at the holder's option into EQM common units immediately before a Change of Control (as defined in the Amended and Restated EQM Partnership Agreement (as defined below)) of EQM. Until the applicable Class B unit conversion date (or, if earlier, a Change of Control), the Class B units will not be entitled to receive any distributions of available cash. After the applicable Class B unit conversion date (or, if earlier, a Change of Control), whether or not such Class B units have been converted into EQM common units, the Class B units will participate pro rata with the EQM common units in distributions of available cash.

As of February 22, 2019, and following the EQM IDR Transaction, EQM owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the limited partner interests and all of the non-economic general partner interest in EQGP, and ETRN indirectly owns 117,245,455 EQM common units and all 7,000,000 Class B units, collectively representing a 59.9% limited partner interest in EQM.

The summary of the EQM IDR Transaction set forth above does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the IDR Merger Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to EQM's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2019 and is incorporated herein by reference, and the Amended and Restated EQM Partnership Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.01. Changes in Control of Registrant.

To the extent required by Item 5.01 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in Item 2.01 above and Item 8.01 below relating to the admission of the New EQM General Partner as the general partner of EQM is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In connection with the closing of the EQM IDR Transaction, the New EQM General Partner, as the new general partner of EQM, assumed the EQT Midstream Services, LLC 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the EQM LTIP) and the administration thereof. In connection with the foregoing, the New EQM General Partner will amend and restate the EQM LTIP to change the name thereof to the Amended and Restated EQGP Services, LLC 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof (the Amended and Restated LTIP). The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated LTIP set forth above does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated LTIP, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On February 22, 2019, the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of EQM, dated October 12, 2018 (the EQM Partnership Agreement), was amended to, among other things, give effect to the cancellation of the IDRs and the economic portion of the general partner interest in EQM (the EQM Partnership Agreement Amendment). Subsequently on February 22, 2019, (a) the EQM Partnership Agreement was amended and restated in its entirety to, among other things, reflect the other transactions contemplated by the EQM IDR Transaction (as amended and restated, the Amended and Restated EQM Partnership Agreement) and (b) a Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Limited Partnership of EQM (the EQM Partnership Certificate of Amendment) was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to reflect the admission of the New EQM General Partner as the general partner of EQM.

In connection with the EQM IDR Transaction, the New EQM General Partner became the general partner of EQM. As a result, (a) the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the New EQM General Partner, dated as of October 12, 2018 (the General Partner Agreement), is being incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 3.4, (b) the General Partner Agreement was amended to reflect the New EQM General Partner as the new general partner of EQM (the General Partner Agreement Amendment), and the General Partner Agreement Amendment is being filed herewith as Exhibit 3.5, and (c) the Certificate of Formation of EQGP Services, LLC (formerly known as EQT GP Services, LLC), dated as of January 29, 2015 (the General Partner Certificate), is being incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 3.6, along with the Certificate of Amendment to the General Partner Certificate, dated as of October 12, 2018 (the First General Partner Certificate of Amendment), which is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 3.7.

The foregoing descriptions of the EQM Partnership Agreement Amendment, the Amended and Restated EQM Partnership Agreement, the EQM Partnership Certificate of Amendment, the General Partner Agreement, the General Partner Agreement Amendment, the General Partner Certificate, and the First General Partner Certificate of Amendment do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the EQM Partnership Agreement Amendment, the Amended and Restated EQM Partnership Agreement, the EQM Partnership Certificate of Amendment, the General Partner Agreement, the General Partner Agreement Amendment, the General Partner Certificate, and the First General Partner Certificate of Amendment, respectively, full copies of which are filed or incorporated herein by reference as Exhibits 3.1 3.7, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

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Also on February 22, 2019, (a) the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of EQGP, dated October 12, 2018 (the EQGP Partnership Agreement), was amended and restated to, among other things, reflect the admission of Equitrans Transaction Sub GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Merger Sub GP), as the general partner of EQGP,

(b) a Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Limited Partnership of EQGP was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to reflect, as an initial step in the EQM IDR Transaction, the admission of the Former EQM General Partner as the general partner of EQGP, and subsequently (c) a Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Limited Partnership of EQGP was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to reflect the admission of Merger Sub GP as the general partner of EQGP.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD.

On February 22, 2019, ETRN and EQM issued a joint news release related to the consummation of the EQM IDR Transaction, a copy of which news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information set forth in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any of EQM's filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings. The filing of this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information herein that is required to be disclosed solely by reason of Regulation FD.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Effective as of the completion of the EQM IDR Transaction, Kenneth M. Burke, Robert J. Cooper, Michael A. Bryson and Lara E. Washington were appointed as directors to the Board of Directors of the New EQM General Partner. Immediately following the EQM IDR Transaction, the Board of Directors of the New EQM General Partner, as the new general partner of EQM, is identical to the Board of Directors of the Former EQM General Partner, as the old general partner of EQM, immediately prior to the EQM IDR Transaction.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
3.1	<u>First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of EQM Midstream Partners, LP, dated as of February 22, 2019</u>
3.2	<u>Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of EQM Midstream Partners, LP, dated as of February 22, 2019</u>
3.3	<u>Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Limited Partnership of EQM Midstream Partners, LP, dated as of February 22, 2019</u>
3.4	<u>Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of EQGP Services, LLC, dated as of October 12, 2018 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to EQGP Holdings, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2018)</u>
3.5	<u>First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of EQGP Services, LLC, dated as of February 22, 2019</u>

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- 3.6 Certificate of Formation of EOGP Services, LLC (formerly known as EOT GP Services, LLC), dated as of January 29, 2015 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to EOGP Holdings, LP's Form S-1 Registration Statement filed on February 12, 2015)
- 3.7 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Formation of EOGP Services, LLC, dated as of October 12, 2018 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to EOGP Holdings, LP's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2018)
- 10.1 Amended and Restated EOGP Services, LLC 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan, dated as of February 22, 2019
- 99.1 News release, dated as of February 22, 2019.

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.

EQM MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP

By: EQGP Services, LLC,
its general partner

Date: February 22, 2019

By: /s/ Kirk R. Oliver
Name: Kirk R. Oliver
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer