

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>Brannon Richard D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CH4 ENERGY III, LLC</u> <u>421 W.3RD ST., SUITE 750</u> (Street) <u>FORT WORTH TX 76102</u> (City) (State) (Zip)			<u>Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. [ETE]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/03/2017</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Units	01/03/2017		A		5,216 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	46,116	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Series A Convertible Preferred Units	(2)						(3)	(3)	Common Units	(2)	38,400	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. An award of restricted Common Units granted under the Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (ETE) Long-Term Incentive Plan that will vest 60% on January 2, 2020 and 40% on January 2, 2022 contingent upon the reporting person's continued service as a Director on each applicable vesting date.
2. On the Conversion Date, each Convertible Unit will automatically convert into common units, the number of which will be determined by dividing (a) the Conversion Value (as defined below) on that date by (b) \$6.56. The conversion value of each Convertible Unit (the "Conversion Value") on the transaction date is zero, and the Conversion Value will increase each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to \$0.285 less the cash distribution actually paid with respect to each Convertible Unit for such quarter (or, if prior to the closing of the Partnership's acquisition of The Williams Companies, Inc., or earlier termination of the merger agreement relating to such acquisition, with respect to each Participating Common Unit (as defined below)).
3. The Series A Convertible Preferred Units (the "Convertible Units") representing limited partner interests in Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (the "Partnership") will automatically convert on the first business day following the date that is the earliest of (a) May 18, 2018, (b) the date upon which all Convertible Units would be convertible into 136,612,021 common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership ("common units"), (c) the date of a change of control of the Partnership or (d) the date of a dissolution of the Partnership (the "Conversion Date").

Remarks:

Sonia Aube, Attorney-in-fact 01/05/2017
for Mr. Brannon

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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