

Western Gas Partners LP
Form 8-K
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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): March 3, 2014

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-34046	26-1075808
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1201 Lake Robbins Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77380-1046 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)		
(832) 636-6000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On March 3, 2014, Western Gas Partners, LP (the “Partnership”) completed its previously announced acquisition (the “Acquisition”) of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation’s 20% interest in Texas Express Pipeline LLC and Texas Express Gathering LLC, and 33.33% interest in Front Range Pipeline LLC, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Contribution Agreement (the “Contribution Agreement”), dated February 27, 2014, among WGR Asset Holding Company, LLC (“WGRAH”) and APC Midstream Holdings, LLC (“AMH” and together with WGRAH, the “Contributing Parties”), and the Partnership, Western Gas Operating, LLC (“Western Gas Operating”) and WGR Operating, LP (together with Western Gas Operating and the Partnership, the “Recipient Parties”), and for certain limited purposes, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (“Anadarko”). All of the parties are subsidiaries or affiliates of Anadarko. The consideration paid by the Partnership for the Acquisition consisted of \$356.3 million in cash and 308,490 common units of the Partnership (the “Common Units”). The Partnership funded the cash consideration through (i) \$350 million in borrowings under its revolving credit facility (including refinancings thereof, the “Revolving Loans”) and (ii) \$6.3 million of cash on hand.

In connection with the Acquisition, Western Gas Holdings, LLC (the “General Partner”), the Partnership’s general partner, and another wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko entered into an indemnification agreement (the “TEFR Indemnification Agreement”) whereby such subsidiary will indemnify the General Partner for any recourse liability it may have for the Revolving Loans, or other debt financing, attributable to the Acquisition. The General Partner and Western Gas Resources, Inc. (“WGRI”) also amended the existing indemnity agreement between them (the “WGRI Indemnification Agreement”) to reduce the amount for which WGRI would indemnify the General Partner by an amount equal to any amounts payable to the General Partner under the TEFR Indemnification Agreement. The General Partner and USH2 LLC, another wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko, also amended and restated the existing indemnification agreement between them (the “USH2 Indemnification Agreement”) primarily to conform language among all the indemnification agreements with the General Partner. The above summaries of the TEFR Indemnification Agreement, WGRI Indemnification Agreement and USH2 Indemnification Agreement are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.3 and 10.4 hereto, respectively.

Relationships

The terms of the Acquisition were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of the General Partner (the “Board”) and by the Board’s special committee. The special committee, a committee comprised of three independent members of the Board, retained independent legal and financial advisors to assist it in evaluating and negotiating the Acquisition. In approving the Acquisition, the special committee based its decision in part on an opinion from the independent financial advisor that the consideration to be paid by the Partnership was fair, from a financial point of view, to the Partnership.

After giving effect to the issuance of the Common Units to AMH in connection with the Acquisition, Anadarko indirectly owns: (i) through Western Gas Equity Partners, LP (“WGP”), the General Partner, which holds (x) all of the outstanding general partner units of the Partnership, representing a 2.0% general partner interest in the Partnership, and (y) all of the incentive distribution rights in the Partnership, which entitle the General Partner to specified increasing percentages of cash distributions as the Partnership’s per-unit cash distributions increase, and (ii) through AMH, WGP and Anadarko Marcellus Midstream, L.L.C., 50,053,824 common units, representing an aggregate 41.6% limited partner interest in the Partnership, based on the number of common units outstanding as of March 3, 2014.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation.

The information set forth under Item 2.01 above with respect to the borrowings under the revolving credit facility is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

As part of the consideration for the Acquisition described in Item 2.01, the Partnership issued the Common Units on March 3, 2014 to AMH. In connection with the issuance of the Common Units, the Partnership issued 6,296 general partner units on March 3, 2014 to the General Partner for consideration of \$382,000. The General Partner purchased the general partner units in order to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest in the Partnership pursuant to the Partnership's First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as amended (the "Partnership Agreement"). The Common Units and the general partner units were issued in reliance on an exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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

On March 3, 2014, and in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Contribution Agreement, the Partnership entered into Amendment No. 11 to its Partnership Agreement (the "Amendment"), to be effective March 3, 2014. The Amendment permitted the Partnership to make a special, one-time cash distribution to AMH (without a corresponding distribution to the General Partner or the limited partners of the Partnership) in an amount equal to the cash consideration.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, a copy of which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated into this Item 5.03 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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| 2.1# | Contribution Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2014, by and among WGR Asset Holding Company, LLC, APC Midstream Holdings, LLC, Western Gas Partners, LP, Western Gas Operating, LLC, WGR Operating, LP, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.9 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by Western Gas Partners, LP on February 28, 2014, File No. 001-34046). |
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| 10.4 | USH2 Indemnification Agreement, dated March 3, 2014, between Western Gas Holdings, LLC and USH2 LLC. |
| # | Pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K, the registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule to the SEC upon request. |
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SIGNATURE

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.

WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP

By: Western Gas Holdings, LLC, its general partner

Dated: March 4, 2014

By: /s/ Philip H. Peacock
Philip H. Peacock
Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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