

Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Evans Richard J<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>2925 RICHMOND AVENUE,<br>11TH FLOOR<br><br>(Street)<br><br>HOUSTON, TX 77098<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>01/31/2014 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. [BKEP] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br><br>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title      Amount or Number of Shares | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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(Instr. 5)

Series A Preferred Units (1) ^ (1) ^ (1) Common Units 9,156,484 \$ 6.5 I See footnote (2)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |            |          |          |
|--|---------------|------------|----------|----------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner  | Officer  | Other    |
| Evans Richard J<br>2925 RICHMOND AVENUE, 11TH FLOOR<br>HOUSTON, TX 77098 | <u>^</u>      | <u>^</u> X | <u>^</u> | <u>^</u> |

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Evans  
09/27/2016

^Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

(1) The Preferred Units have no expiration date and are convertible at any time, in whole or in part, on a one-for-one basis into Common Units representing limited partner interests of Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Issuer") ("Common Units") at the holder's election as set forth in the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Issuer, dated September 14, 2011 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 14, 2011.

(2) The board of directors of Vitol Holding has voting and dispositive power over these shares. The board of directors of Vitol Holdings consists of Richard J. Evans and Miguel A. Loya who may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power with respect to and beneficially own the shares held by Vitol Holding as a result of their position on the board of directors; provided, however, that neither of Messrs. Evans and Loya have voting or dispositive power over these shares in their respective individual capacity. Mr. Evans disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Vitol Holding, except to the extent of Mr. Evans' pecuniary interest therein, and, pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mr. Evans states that the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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