## **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): November 4, 2011

# Constellation Energy Partners LLC (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33147 (Commission File Number)

11-3742489 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1801 Main Street, Suite 1300 Houston, TX (Address of principal executive offices)

77002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 308-3700

Not Applicable

|       | (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)   |
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|       | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  |
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|       | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))   |

## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 4, 2011, Constellation Energy Partners LLC (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2011, and will hold a webcast conference call to discuss those results. A copy of the press release is furnished as a part of this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 but is not deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The webcast conference call will be available for replay on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.constellationenergy.partners.com">www.constellationenergy.partners.com</a>.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated November 4, 2011, publicly announcing third quarter 2011 financial results.

**SIGNATURES** 

| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities E hereunto duly authorized. | xchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly cause | ed this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersi | igned |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|-------|--|--|--|
| Date: November 4, 2011   | Constellation Energ                                | Constellation Energy Partners LLC                        |       |  |  |  |
|  | Ву:  | /s/ Charles C. Ward                                      |       |  |  |  |
|  |  | Charles C. Ward<br>Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer |       |  |  |  |

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News Release

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## **Constellation Energy Partners Reports**

#### **Third Quarter 2011 Results**

HOUSTON—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Nov. 4, 2011—Constellation Energy Partners LLC (NYSE Arca: CEP) today reported third quarter 2011 results.

The company produced 3,414 MMcfe during the third quarter, for average daily net production of 37.1 MMcfe during the quarter and 38.0 MMcfe for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, which includes average net oil production for the year-to-date of approximately 278 barrels per day. Operating costs, which include lease operating expenses, production taxes and general and administrative expenses, net of certain non-cash items, averaged \$3.63 per Mcfe during the third quarter and \$3.41 for the year-to-date.

Adjusted EBITDA for the third quarter was \$12.7 million. Year-to-date, Adjusted EBITDA was \$82.8 million, which includes \$41.3 million in hedge settlements related to the hedge restructuring that the company announced in June 2011.

On a GAAP basis, the company recorded net income of \$7.5 million for the third quarter 2011 and \$5.6 million for the year-to-date.

The company completed 28 net wells and recompletions with total capital spending of \$4.5 million during the third quarter 2011. For the year-to-date, the company has completed 67 net wells and recompletions, and the company finished the third quarter 2011 with an additional 16 net wells and recompletions in progress.

Drilling activities in 2011 have been focused primarily on exploiting oil potential in the company's existing asset base as well as capital efficient recompletions. The company's capital investment year-to-date totals \$8.9 million, with drilling in both the Cherokee and Black Warrior Basins.

"We're working to create long-term value for our unitholders," said Stephen R. Brunner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Constellation Energy Partners. "Until natural gas prices show a sustained pattern of improvement, we believe the best drilling opportunities for us, especially in the Cherokee Basin, will be those that target oil potential in addition to gas. We've seen some real success with that aspect of our operations, and look to build upon that the remainder of this year and into 2012."

## **Liquidity Update**

Borrowings outstanding under the company's reserve-based credit facility currently total \$99.9 million, leaving the company with \$40.1 million in borrowing capacity at the company's current borrowing base of \$140.0 million. The company's borrowing base is currently undergoing routine semi-annual redetermination by the lenders, with the results of that process expected in the fourth quarter 2011.

#### **Financial Outlook for 2011**

The company forecasts it will complete between 70 and 80 net wells and recompletions with total capital spending of between \$12 million and \$14 million in 2011.

Net production is forecast to range between 13.4 and 14.2 Bcfe for 2011, with operating costs expected to range between \$48 million and \$52 million for the year.

The company entered the year with approximately 7.6 Bcfe of its Mid-Continent natural gas production in 2011 hedged at an average price of \$7.87 per Mcfe and an additional 2.4 Bcfe of its remaining natural gas production hedged at an average price of \$8.51 per Mcfe. For the balance of the year, the company has remaining hedges on 1.6 Bcfe of its Mid-Continent natural gas production at an average price, including basis, of \$7.79 per Mcfe and an additional 0.8 Bcfe of its remaining natural gas production at a NYMEX-only price of \$8.45 per Mcfe.

With the addition of oil hedges in April 2011, the company has also hedged approximately 38 thousand barrels of its 2011 oil production at an average price of \$110.10 per barrel. For the balance of the year, the company has remaining hedges on approximately 15 thousand barrels of its 2011 oil production.

The remainder of the company's production for 2011 is subject to market conditions and pricing.

#### **Distribution Outlook**

The company anticipates that its distribution will remain suspended through 2011. All distributions are subject to approval by the company's Board of Managers.

#### **Conference Call Information**

The company will host a conference call at 8:30 a.m. (CDT) on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 to discuss third quarter 2011 results. The company expects to release its third quarter 2011 earnings before the market opens that day.

To participate in the conference call, analysts, investors, media and the public in the U.S. may dial (800) 857-0653 shortly before 8:30 a.m. (CDT). The international phone number is (773) 799-3268. The conference password is PARTNERS.

A replay will be available beginning approximately one hour after the end of the call by dialing (800) 925-0147 or (402) 998-0030 (international). A live audio webcast of the conference call, presentation slides and the earnings release will be available on Constellation Energy Partners' Web site (<a href="www.constellationenergypartners.com">www.constellationenergypartners.com</a>) under the Investor Relations page. The call will also be recorded and archived on the site.

#### **About the Company**

Constellation Energy Partners LLC is a limited liability company focused on the acquisition, development and production of oil and natural gas properties, as well as related midstream assets.

## **SEC Filings**

The company intends to file its third quarter 2011 Form 10-Q on or about Nov. 4, 2011.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

We present Adjusted EBITDA in addition to our reported net income (loss) in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that is defined as net income (loss) adjusted by interest (income) expense, net; depreciation, depletion and amortization; write-off of deferred financing fees; asset impairments; accretion expense; (gain) loss on sale of assets;

exploration costs; (gain) loss from equity investment; unit-based compensation programs; (gain) loss from mark-to-market activities; and unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives/hedge ineffectiveness.

Adjusted EBITDA is used as a quantitative standard by our management and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, research analysts and others to assess the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis; the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest costs and support our indebtedness; and our operating performance and return on capital as compared to those of other companies in our industry, without regard to financing or capital structure. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flows for the period, nor is it presented as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

We make statements in this news release that are considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe such estimates and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are beyond our control. In addition, management's assumptions about future events may prove to be inaccurate. Management cautions all readers that the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are not guarantees of future performance, and we cannot assure you that such statements will be realized or the forward-looking events and circumstances will occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements due to factors listed in the "Risk Factors" section in our SEC filings and elsewhere in those filings. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this news release. We do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These cautionary statements qualify all forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf.

## PRESS RELEASE Constellation Energy Partners LLC Operating Statistics

|   |    | Three Months Ended Sep. 30, 2011 2010 |    |         |    | Nine Months E | p. 30,<br>2010 |         |
|---|----|---------------------------------------|----|---------|----|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Net Production:   | _  | <u> </u>                              |    |         | _  |               |                |         |
| Total production (MMcfe)  |    | 3,414                                 |    | 3,758   |    | 10,383        |                | 11,363  |
| Average daily production (Mcfe/day)   | :  | 37,109                                |    | 40,848  |    | 38,033        |                | 41,623  |
| Average Net Sales Price per Mcfe:   |    |                                       |    |         |    |               |                |         |
| Net realized price, including hedges  | \$ | 7.32(a)                               | \$ | 6.93(a) | \$ | 11.36(a)      | \$             | 7.13(a) |
| Net realized price, excluding hedges  | \$ | 4.49(b)                               | \$ | 4.33(b) | \$ | 4.48(b)       | \$             | 4.59(b) |
| <ul><li>(a) Excludes impact of mark-to-market gains (losses) and net cost of sales.</li><li>(b) Excludes all hedges, the impact of mark-to-market gains (losses) and net cost of sales.</li></ul> |    |                                       |    |         |    |               |                |         |
| Net Wells Drilled and Completed   |    | 6                                     |    | 7       |    | 21            |                | 11      |
| Net Recompletions   |    | 22                                    |    | 3       |    | 46            |                | 7       |
| Developmental Dry Holes   |    | _                                     |    | _       |    | 1             |                | _       |

|  |    | Three Months Ended Sep. 30, 2011 2010 |          |           | Nine Months 2011 | p. 30,<br>2010 |          |           |
|--|----|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
|  |    | (\$ in th                             | ousands) |           |                  | (\$ in the     | ousands) |           |
| Oil and gas sales                          | \$ | 25,624                                | \$       | 26,643    | \$               | 119,617        | \$       | 82,958    |
| Gain/(Loss) from mark-to-market activities |    | 5,819                                 |          | 21,100    |                  | (47,946)       |          | 51,832    |
| Total revenues                             |    | 31,443                                |          | 47,743    |                  | 71,671         |          | 134,790   |
| Operating expenses:                        |    |                                       |          |           |                  |                |          |           |
| Lease operating expenses                   |    | 7,297                                 |          | 7,953     |                  | 21,319         |          | 23,645    |
| Cost of sales                              |    | 640                                   |          | 592       |                  | 1,701          |          | 1,949     |
| Production taxes                           |    | 847                                   |          | 647       |                  | 2,278          |          | 2,449     |
| General and administrative                 |    | 4,548                                 |          | 5,027     |                  | 12,783         |          | 14,277    |
| Exploration costs                          |    | _                                     |          | 284       |                  | 131            |          | 731       |
| (Gain)/Loss on sale of assets              |    | 8                                     |          |           |                  | 29             |          | (13)      |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization   |    | 5,863                                 |          | 26,175    |                  | 17,621         |          | 79,598    |
| Asset impairments                          |    | 1,935                                 |          | 270,408   |                  | 1,935          |          | 270,966   |
| Accretion expense                          |    | 228                                   |          | 205       |                  | 680            |          | 617       |
| Total operating expenses                   |    | 21,366                                |          | 311,291   |                  | 58,477         |          | 394,219   |
| Other expenses:                            |    |                                       |          |           |                  |                |          |           |
| Interest (income) expense, net             |    | 2,693                                 |          | 3,695     |                  | 7,741          |          | 11,138    |
| Other (income) expense                     |    | (69)                                  |          | (120)     |                  | (195)          |          | (410)     |
| Total expenses                             |    | 23,990                                |          | 314,866   |                  | 66,023         |          | 404,947   |
| Net income (loss)                          | \$ | 7,453                                 | \$       | (267,123) | \$               | 5,648          | \$       | (270,157) |
| Adjusted EBITDA                            | \$ | 12,671                                | \$       | 12,919    | \$               | 82,755         | \$       | 42,453    |
| EPU—Basic                                  | \$ | 0.30                                  | \$       | (10.91)   | \$               | 0.23           | \$       | (11.10)   |
| EPU—Basic Units Outstanding                | 24 | 4,259,018                             | 24       | 1,489,229 | 24               | 4,280,385      | 2        | 4,345,034 |
| EPU—Diluted                                | \$ | 0.30                                  | \$       | (10.91)   | \$               | 0.23           | \$       | (11.10)   |
| EPU—Diluted Units Outstanding              | 24 | 4,259,018                             | 24       | 1,489,229 | 24               | 4,280,385      | 2        | 4,345,034 |

## Constellation Energy Partners LLC Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

|   | Sep. 30,<br>2011 | Dec. 31,<br>2010 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | (\$ in the       | ousands)         |
| Current assets  | \$ 42,682        | \$ 53,091        |
| Natural gas properties, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization | 268,448          | 276,919          |
| Other assets  | 16,046           | 54,367           |
| Total assets  | \$327,176        | \$384,377        |
| Current liabilities   | \$ 15,083        | \$ 14,533        |
| Debt  | 104,250          | 165,000          |
| Other long-term liabilities   | 13,952           | 13,024           |
| Total liabilities   | 133,285          | 192,557          |
| Class D Interests   | 6,667            | 6,667            |
| Common members' equity  | 180,563          | 174,233          |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | 6,661            | 10,920           |
| Total members' equity   | 187,224          | 185,153          |
| Total liabilities and members' equity   | \$327,176        | \$384,377        |

|  | Three Month<br>2011 | s Ended Sep. 30,<br>2010           | Nine Months 1<br>2011                                       | Ended Sep. 30,<br>2010 |  |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
|  | (\$ in tl           | nousands)                          | (\$ in thousands)   |                        |  |
| Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to     |                     |                                    |   |                        |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA:                           |                     |                                    |   |                        |  |
| Net income (loss)                          | \$ 7,453            | \$ (267,123)                       | \$ 5,648  | \$ (270,157)           |  |
| Add:                                       |                     |                                    |   |                        |  |
| Interest (income) expense, net             | 2,693               | 3,695                              | 7,741   | 11,138                 |  |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization   | 5,863               | 26,175                             | 17,621  | 79,598                 |  |
| Asset impairments                          | 1,935               | 270,408                            | 1,935   | 270,966                |  |
| Accretion expense                          | 228                 | 205                                | 680   | 617                    |  |
| (Gain)/Loss on sale of assets              | 8                   | _                                  | 29  | (13)                   |  |
| Exploration costs                          | _                   | 284                                | 131   | 731                    |  |
| Unit-based compensation programs           | 310                 | 375                                | 1,024   | 1,405                  |  |
| (Gain)/Loss from mark-to-market activities | (5,819)             | (21,100)                           | 47,946  | (51,832)               |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA (1),(2)                    | \$ 12,671           | \$ 12,919                          | \$ 82,755   | \$ 42,453              |  |
|  | 2011                | ns Ended June 30,  2010 thousands) | Six Months Ended June 30,<br>2011 2010<br>(\$ in thousands) |                        |  |
| Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to     | ,                   | ŕ                                  | ,   | ·                      |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA:                           |                     |                                    |   |                        |  |
| Net income (loss)                          | \$ 3,347            | \$ (21,092)                        | \$ (1,805)  | \$ (3,034)             |  |
| Add:                                       |                     |                                    |   |                        |  |
| Interest (income) expense, net             | 3,196               | 3,387                              | 5,048   | 7,443                  |  |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization   | 5,893               | 26,733                             | 11,758  | 53,981                 |  |
| Accretion expense                          | 226                 | 205                                | 452   | 412                    |  |

(1) Our Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Our Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

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We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus:

(Gain)/Loss on sale of assets

Unit-based compensation programs

(Gain)/Loss from mark-to-market activities

**Exploration costs** 

— interest (income) expense, net;

Adjusted EBITDA (1)

- depreciation, depletion and amortization;
- write-off of deferred financing fees;
- asset impairments;
- accretion expense;
- (gain) loss on sale of assets;
- exploration costs;
- (gain) loss from equity investment;
- unit-based compensation programs;
- (gain) loss from mark-to-market activities; and
- unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives/hedge ineffectiveness.
- (2) Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2011, and nine months ended Sep. 30, 2011, include \$41.3 million in hedge settlements related to the company's June 2011 hedge restructuring.