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**TO**

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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*Under*

*The Securities Act of 1933*

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**SEMGROUP ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 11, 2007**

**PROSPECTUS**

**12,500,000 Common Units**  
**Representing Limited Partner Interests**  
**SemGroup Energy Partners, L.P.**  
**\$ per Common Unit**

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The selling unitholder named in this prospectus is selling 12,500,000 common units. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the common units by the selling unitholder. We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,875,000 additional common units from us to cover over-allotments.

This is the initial public offering of our common units. We currently expect the initial public offering price to be between \$19.00 and \$21.00 per common unit. Our common units have been approved for listing on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol SGLP.

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**Investing in our common units involves risks. Please see Risk Factors beginning on page 18.**

These risks include the following:

We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including cost reimbursements to our general partner, to enable us to make cash distributions to holders of our common units and subordinated units at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy.

On a pro forma basis, we would not have had sufficient cash available for distribution to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all units for the year ended December 31, 2006 or for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007.

We depend upon SemGroup, L.P. for a substantial majority of our revenues, and any reduction in these revenues would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

We are exposed to the credit risk of SemGroup, L.P. and any material nonperformance by SemGroup, L.P. could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

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SemGroup, L.P. controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. SemGroup, L.P. has conflicts of interest with us and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit it to favor its own interests to your detriment.

SemGroup, L.P. is not limited in its ability to compete with us, which could limit our ability to acquire additional assets or businesses.

Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.

You may be required to pay taxes on your share of our income even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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	<b>Per Common Unit</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public Offering Price	\$	\$
Underwriting Discount (1)	\$	\$
Proceeds to selling unitholder (before expenses)	\$	\$

(1) Excludes an aggregate structuring fee payable to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. equal to 0.375% of the gross proceeds of this offering before any exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, or approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, in consideration of advice rendered by Citigroup Global Markets Inc. regarding the structure of this offering and our partnership.

The underwriters expect to deliver the common units through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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**Citi**

**Merrill Lynch & Co.**

**Lehman Brothers**

**RBC Capital Markets**

**Wachovia Securities**

**A.G. Edwards**

**Raymond James**

**Sanders Morris Harris**

**BOSC, Inc.**

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters and the selling unitholder have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters and the selling unitholder are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where an offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Until \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade our common units, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary provides a brief overview of information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is abbreviated, this summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our common units. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the historical and unaudited pro forma financial statements and the notes to those financial statements. You should read **Risk Factors** beginning on page 18 for more information about important risks that you should consider carefully before buying our common units.*

*Unless indicated otherwise, the information presented in this prospectus assumes (1) an initial public offering price of \$20.00 per common unit and (2) that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option. As used in this prospectus, unless we indicate otherwise: (1)*

*SemGroup Energy Partners, our, we, us and similar terms refer to SemGroup Energy Partners, L.P., together with our subsidiaries, after giving effect to the formation transactions described on page 6 of this prospectus, (2) our Parent refers to SemGroup, L.P. and its subsidiaries and affiliates (other than us), (3) selling unitholder and SemGroup Holdings refer to SemGroup Holdings, L.P., a wholly owned subsidiary of our Parent and our sole limited partner prior to the closing of this offering, and (4) references to our pro forma financial information refer to the historical financial information of our predecessor described on page 14 of this prospectus as adjusted to give effect to the Throughput Agreement, the Omnibus Agreement and the other formation transactions described below. We include a glossary of some of the terms used in this prospectus as Appendix B.*

**SemGroup Energy Partners, L.P.**

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed on February 22, 2007 by our Parent, a provider of midstream energy services, to own, operate and develop a diversified portfolio of complementary midstream energy assets. We currently provide crude oil gathering, transportation, terminalling and storage services primarily in our core operating areas in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Prior to the closing of this offering, we will enter into a crude oil gathering, transportation, terminalling and storage agreement with our Parent, which we refer to as the Throughput Agreement.

Pursuant to the Throughput Agreement, our Parent will pay us a fee based on the number of barrels of crude oil we gather, transport, terminal or store on behalf of our Parent and will commit to utilize our services at a level that will provide us with minimum revenues of \$6.4 million per month. We intend to acquire and construct a significant amount of additional midstream energy assets, including acquisitions from our Parent and jointly with our Parent. At March 31, 2007, our Parent had total net book value of property, plant and equipment of \$1.1 billion, with the crude oil gathering, transportation, terminalling and storage assets to be contributed to us prior to the closing of this offering, which we refer to as the Crude Oil Business, representing approximately \$102.0 million of this amount.

Our network of assets provides our customers the flexibility to access multiple points for the receipt and delivery of crude oil. We do not take title to, or marketing responsibility for, the crude oil that we gather, transport, terminal and store. As a result, our operations have minimal direct exposure to changes in crude oil prices, but the volumes of crude oil we gather, transport, terminal or store are indirectly affected by commodity prices. We generate revenues by charging a fee for services provided at each transportation stage as crude oil is shipped from its origin at the wellhead to destination points such as the Cushing Interchange, to refineries in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas or to pipelines, as described below:

***Terminalling and storage assets and services.*** We provide crude oil terminalling and storage services at our terminalling and storage facilities located in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. We currently own and operate an aggregate of approximately 6.7 million barrels of storage capacity. Of this storage capacity, approximately 4.8 million barrels are located at our terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma. Our Cushing terminal is strategically located within the Cushing Interchange, one of the largest crude oil

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marketing hubs in the United States and the designated point of delivery specified in all New York Mercantile Exchange, or NYMEX, crude oil futures contracts. Our terminals have a combined capacity to receive or deliver approximately 10.0 million barrels of crude oil per month. We also own approximately 26 acres of additional land within the Cushing Interchange where we can develop additional storage capacity.

***Gathering and transportation assets and services.*** We own and operate two pipeline systems, the Mid-Continent system and the Longview system, collectively consisting of approximately 1,150 miles of pipelines that gather crude oil for our Parent and other third-party customers and transport it to refiners, to common carrier pipelines for ultimate delivery to refiners or to terminalling and storage facilities owned by us and others. Our pipeline gathering and transportation system located in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, which we refer to as the Mid-Continent system, has a combined length of approximately 820 miles. Our second pipeline gathering and transportation system located in East Texas, which we refer to as the Longview system, consists of approximately 330 miles of tariff-regulated crude oil gathering pipeline. In addition to our pipelines, we use our approximately 200 owned or leased tanker trucks to gather crude oil in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado for our Parent and other third-party customers at remote wellhead locations generally not connected to pipeline and gathering systems and transport the crude oil to aggregation points and storage facilities located along pipeline gathering and transportation systems. In connection with our gathering services, we also provide a number of producer field services, ranging from gathering condensates from natural gas producers to hauling production waste water to disposal wells.

We derive a substantial majority of our revenues from services provided to the crude oil purchasing, marketing and distribution operations of our Parent pursuant to the Throughput Agreement. For the year ended December 31, 2006 and the three months ended March 31, 2007, our Parent represented approximately 82.5% and 82.4%, respectively, of our pro forma revenues and third parties accounted for the remainder. Our Parent's crude oil purchasing, marketing and distribution operations are substantially dependent on our services and assets. The Throughput Agreement has an initial term of seven years with additional automatic one-year renewals unless either party terminates the agreement upon prior notice. Our Parent will pay us a fee based on the number of barrels we gather, transport, terminal or store on behalf of our Parent and will commit to utilize our services at a level that will provide us with minimum revenues of \$6.4 million per month, which we expect to be sufficient to initially pay nearly all of the minimum quarterly distribution on our common units but no distribution on our subordinated units. Our Parent will be obligated to pay us fees in respect of this minimum commitment, regardless of whether such services are actually utilized by our Parent.

For the year ended December 31, 2006 and the three months ended March 31, 2007, we generated pro forma net income of approximately \$32.0 million and \$7.4 million, respectively, and pro forma net income before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, of \$49.8 million and \$11.8 million, respectively. For an explanation of EBITDA and a reconciliation of EBITDA to its most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, please see Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

**Competitive Strengths**

We believe we are well positioned to successfully achieve our primary business objectives and execute our business strategies based on the following competitive strengths:

a substantial majority of our operations generate fee-based revenues, with contracted minimum revenues pursuant to the Throughput Agreement;

our primary terminalling and storage facilities are strategically located within the Cushing Interchange, one of the largest crude oil marketing hubs in the United States and the designated point of delivery specified in all NYMEX crude oil futures contracts;

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our gathering and transportation systems give us the ability to transport crude oil to multiple end points, particularly the Cushing Interchange, which creates increased demand for our services by allowing our customers the flexibility to effectively manage their marketing of crude oil and increase their profitability;

our relationship with our Parent enhances our ability to make strategic acquisitions and to access other business opportunities;

our properties and facilities have been well maintained resulting in reliable and efficient operations;

we have the financial flexibility through the available capacity under our new five-year credit facility and our ability to access the capital markets to pursue expansion and acquisition opportunities. To the extent we are unable to finance growth externally, our cash distribution policy will significantly impair our ability to grow; and

our Parent has a knowledgeable management team with significant experience in the energy industry and in executing acquisition and expansion strategies.

**Business Strategies**

Our primary business objectives are to maintain stable cash flows and to increase distributable cash flow per unit over time by becoming a leading provider of midstream services to the energy industry. We intend to accomplish these objectives by executing the following strategies:

leveraging our relationship with our Parent to pursue acquisition and organic growth opportunities by:

jointly pursuing acquisition opportunities in a manner that minimizes our direct commodity price exposure; and

acquiring additional assets or businesses directly from our Parent;

pursuing both strategic and accretive acquisitions within the midstream energy industry, by:

evaluating opportunities in our existing areas of operation as well as other midstream energy acquisition opportunities; and

seeking acquisitions that will enable us to grow our distributable cash flow per unit and enhance our service capabilities;

pursuing organic expansion opportunities through:

constructing additional assets in strategic locations that will allow us to leverage our existing market position; and

expanding storage capacity, particularly at our Cushing terminal;

increasing the profitability of our existing assets by:

improving our operating efficiency and by monitoring and controlling our cost structure; and

increasing the utilization of our existing asset infrastructure.

**Our Relationship with our Parent**

One of our principal strengths is our relationship with our Parent, a provider of midstream energy services in the United States. Our Parent provides gathering, transportation, terminalling, storage, distribution, marketing and other midstream services primarily to independent natural gas and crude oil producers, as well as refiners located along the North American energy corridor from the Gulf Coast to Central Canada and the West Coast of the United Kingdom. Our Parent has a significant asset base consisting primarily of pipelines, gathering systems, processing plants, storage facilities, terminals and other distribution facilities located between North American

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production and supply areas, including the Gulf Coast and Mid-Continent regions of the United States and the province of Alberta, Canada and high demand regions such as the Midwest. A substantial majority of our revenues are generated by providing services to our Parent's crude oil purchasing, marketing and distribution operations.

Since our Parent's inception in April 2000 through March 31, 2007, our Parent has completed 47 acquisitions at an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$978 million, excluding amounts paid for working capital. Our Parent has indicated that it intends to use us as a growth vehicle to pursue the acquisition and expansion of midstream energy businesses and assets. Although we expect to have the opportunity to make acquisitions directly from our Parent in the future, we cannot say with any certainty which, if any, of these acquisition opportunities may be made available to us or if we will choose to pursue any such opportunity. In addition, through our relationship with our Parent, we will have access to a significant pool of management talent and strong commercial relationships throughout the energy industry. While our relationship with our Parent may benefit us, it is also a source of potential conflicts. For example, our Parent is not restricted from competing with us. Our Parent has retained substantial midstream assets and may acquire, construct or dispose of midstream or other assets in the future without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct those assets. Please see [Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties](#).

Our Parent will retain a significant indirect interest in our partnership through its ownership of a 49.1% limited partner interest, a 2% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights. We will enter into the Throughput Agreement and an omnibus agreement with our Parent, which we refer to as the Omnibus Agreement, that will govern our relationship with our Parent. Please see [Business Throughput Agreement](#) and [Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Omnibus Agreement](#). Our Parent employed approximately 1,900 people as of March 31, 2007, approximately 300 of whom will be dedicated to supporting our operations following the formation transactions. We will not have any employees. Please see [Business Employees](#).

**Summary of Risk Factors**

An investment in our common units involves risks associated with our business, regulatory and legal matters, our partnership structure and the tax characteristics of our common units. The following list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Please read carefully these and other risks described under the caption [Risk Factors](#).

**Risks Related to Our Business**

We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including cost reimbursements to our general partner, to enable us to make cash distributions to holders of our common units and subordinated units at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy.

On a pro forma basis, we would not have had sufficient cash available for distribution to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all units for the year ended December 31, 2006 or for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007.

We depend upon our Parent for a substantial majority of our revenues and any reduction in these revenues would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

We are exposed to the credit risk of our Parent and any material nonperformance by our Parent could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Our Parent's obligations under the Throughput Agreement may be reduced or suspended in some circumstances, which would reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders. Please see [Risk Factors](#) Our Parent's obligations under the Throughput Agreement may be reduced or suspended in some circumstances, which would reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.



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The assumptions underlying our estimate of cash available for distribution we include in Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, financial, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those forecasted.

A principal focus of our business strategy is to grow and expand our business through acquisitions. If we do not make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, our future growth may be limited.

Expanding our business by constructing new assets subjects us to risks that projects may not be completed on schedule, and that the costs associated with projects may exceed our expectations, which could cause our cash available for distribution to our unitholders to be less than anticipated.

Our debt levels may limit our flexibility in obtaining additional financing and in pursuing other business opportunities.

**Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us**

Our Parent controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our Parent has conflicts of interest with us and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit it to favor its own interests to your detriment.

Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to holders of our common units and subordinated units and restricts the remedies available to holders of our common units and subordinated units for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Our Parent is not limited in its ability to compete with us, which could limit our ability to acquire additional assets or businesses.

Cost reimbursements due to our general partner and its affiliates for services provided, which will be determined by our general partner in good faith (which means it must believe the determination is in the best interest of our partnership) in accordance with our partnership agreement and the Omnibus Agreement, may be substantial and will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.

Even if holders of our common units are dissatisfied, they cannot initially remove our general partner without its consent because our general partner and its affiliates will own a sufficient number of units upon completion of this offering to be able to prevent its removal.

We may issue additional units without your approval, which would dilute your ownership interests.

Common units held by persons who are not Eligible Holders will be subject to the possibility of redemption.

**Tax Risks to Common Unitholders**

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Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, were to treat us as a corporation or if we were to become subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, then our cash available for distribution to you would be substantially reduced.

If the IRS contests any of the federal income tax positions we take, the market for our common units may be adversely affected, and the costs of any contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

You may be required to pay taxes on your share of our income even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us.

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Tax gain or loss on disposition of our common units could be more or less than expected.

Tax-exempt entities, regulated investment companies and foreign persons face unique tax issues from owning common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

We will treat each purchaser of units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.

The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.

You likely will be subject to state and local taxes and return filing or withholding requirements in states where you do not live as a result of investing in our common units.

**Formation Transactions and Partnership Structure**

**General**

Prior to the closing of this offering, the following transactions, which we refer to as the formation transactions, will have occurred:

SemGroup Holdings will transfer the Crude Oil Business to us;

we will issue to SemGroup Holdings 12,500,000 common units and 12,570,504 subordinated units;

we will issue to our general partner, SemGroup Energy Partners G.P., L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of SemGroup Holdings, 511,643 general partner units representing its initial 2% general partner interest in us, and all of our incentive distribution rights, which incentive distribution rights will entitle our general partner to increasing percentages of the cash we distribute in excess of \$0.3594 per unit per quarter;