

Western Gas Partners LP  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2011

**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): January 14, 2011**  
**WESTERN GAS PARTNERS, LP**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-34046**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**26-1075808**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1201 Lake Robbins Drive**  
**The Woodlands, Texas 77380-1046**  
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)  
**(832) 636-6000**

(Registrants telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On January 14, 2011, Kerr-McGee Gathering LLC ( KMGG ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Western Gas Partners, LP (the Partnership ), and the Partnership entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the Agreement ) with Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ( Encana ). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, KMGG has agreed to acquire certain midstream assets from Encana for \$303.3 million (the Acquisition ). These assets are located in the Denver-Julesburg Basin, northeast of Denver, Colorado, and consist of (i) an approximately 1,054-mile natural gas gathering system and related compression and other ancillary equipment; and (ii) gas processing facilities with current cryogenic capacity of 84 MMcf/d. The closing of the Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and potential adjustments, including the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. The Partnership expects the Acquisition to close in the first quarter of 2011. Pursuant to the Agreement, Encana has agreed to indemnify KMGG against certain losses resulting from any breach of Encana's representations, warranties, covenants or agreements, and for certain other matters. KMGG has agreed to indemnify Encana against certain losses resulting from any breach of KMGG's representations, warranties, covenants or agreements. Upon the closing of the Acquisition, the Partnership and Encana also expect to enter into a gas gathering and processing agreement under which KMGG will gather and process natural gas for Encana in the Denver-Julesburg Basin. The Partnership expects to fund the consideration for the Acquisition through borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

The above summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

2.1# Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of January 14, 2011, by and among Western Gas Partners, LP, Kerr-McGee Gathering LLC and Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

# 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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**SIGNATURES**

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: January 18, 2011

By: /s/ Amanda M. McMillian  
Amanda M. McMillian  
Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

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