# 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): July 29, 2015

# ANTERO MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36719 (Commission File Number) 46-4109058 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1615 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (303) 357-7310

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ 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))

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

On July 29, 2015, Antero Midstream Partners LP issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, announcing its financial and operational results for the quarter ended June 30, 2015. The press release contains certain non-GAAP financial information. The reconciliation of such information to GAAP financial measures is included in the release.

The information in this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to liabilities of that section, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

 (d)
 Exhibits.

 EXHIBIT
 DESCRIPTION

 99.1
 Antero Midstream Partners LP press release dated July 29, 2015.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

# ANTERO MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP

- By: Antero Resources Midstream Management, LLC, its general partner
- By: <u>/s/ Glen C. Warren, Jr.</u> Glen C. Warren, Jr. President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 29, 2015

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# DESCRIPTION

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#### Antero Midstream Partners LP Announces Second Quarter 2015 Results

**Denver, Colorado, July 29, 2015—Antero Midstream Partners LP (NYSE: AM)** ("Antero Midstream" or the "Partnership") today released its second quarter 2015 financial and operating results. The relevant consolidated financial statements are included in Antero Midstream's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Second Quarter 2015 Highlights:

- Low pressure gathering volumes averaged 965 MMcf/d, a 150% increase compared to the prior year quarter and a 3% increase sequentially
- High pressure gathering volumes averaged 1,197 MMcf/d, a 350% increase compared to the prior year quarter and a 6% increase sequentially
- Compression volumes averaged 454 MMcf/d, a 1,005% increase compared to the prior year quarter and a 27% increase sequentially
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$41 million, a 256% increase compared to the prior year
- Distributable cash flow of \$37 million resulting in DCF coverage of 1.28x
- Increased quarterly cash distribution to \$0.19 per unit (\$0.76/unit annualized), a 6% increase compared to the first quarter 2015 distribution and 12% increase over the minimum quarterly distribution
- \$113 million of cash on hand and a fully undrawn \$1.0 billion credit facility

#### **Recent Developments**

#### Distribution for the Second Quarter of 2015

On July 15, 2015, Antero Midstream announced that the Board of Directors of Antero Resources Midstream Management LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, declared a cash distribution of \$0.19 per unit (\$0.76 per unit annualized) for the second quarter of 2015. The distribution represents a 6% increase quarter-over-quarter and the Partnership's second consecutive quarterly distribution increase since its initial public offering in November 2014. The distribution is payable on August 27, 2015, to unitholders of record as of August 13, 2015.

#### Antero Resources 2016 Production Growth Targets

The Partnership's parent company, Antero Resources Corporation ("Antero Resources"), recently announced preliminary 2016 production growth targets of 25% to 30%, driven in part by the contribution early next year from the planned completion of 50 Marcellus Shale deferred completions, of which 28 are in the Antero Midstream dedicated area. Antero Resources has hedged over 1.6 Bcfe/d for 2016 with fixed price swaps at an average gas equivalent price of \$4.02 per Mcfe. This represents over 90% of expected 2016 production, based on the full year 2016 growth targets of 25% to 30%.

#### Second Quarter 2015 Financial Results

Antero Midstream closed its initial public offering on November 10, 2014. The following reflects results from Antero Midstream for the first and second quarter of 2015, and predecessor results for the second quarter of 2014.

Low pressure gathering volumes for the second quarter of 2015 averaged 965 MMcf/d, a 150% increase from the second quarter of 2014 and a 3% increase from the first quarter of 2015. High pressure gathering volumes for the second quarter of 2015 averaged 1,197 MMcf/d, a 350% increase from the second quarter of 2014 and a 6% increase from the first quarter of 2015. Compression volumes for the second quarter of 2015 averaged 454 MMcf/d, a 1,005% increase from the second quarter of 2014 and a 27% increase from the first quarter of 2015. Condensate gathering volumes averaged 3 MBbl/d during the quarter. Volumetric growth was driven by strong production growth from Antero Resources, particularly in the Antero Midstream dedicated areas.

	Three month June 3		%	Six months June 3		%
Average Daily Throughput:	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
Low Pressure Gathering (MMcf/d)	386	965	150%	359	950	165%
High Pressure Gathering (MMcf/d)	266	1,197	350%	196	1,166	495%
Compression (MMcf/d)	41	454	1,005%	39	406	941%
Condensate Gathering (MBbl/d)	3	3	*	1	3	200%

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Revenue for the second quarter of 2015 was \$56.6 million as compared to \$16.9 million for the prior year quarter, primarily driven by increased throughput volumes across Antero Midstream's systems. Revenue in the second quarter was comprised entirely of fixed fees from Antero Resources. Direct operating expenses totaled \$11.3 million and allocated general and administrative expenses totaled \$9.9 million, including \$5.4 million of non-cash equity-based compensation. Total operating expenses were \$36.3 million including \$15.1 million of depreciation.

Net income was \$19.5 million (\$0.13 per basic and diluted limited partner unit), as compared to a \$0.7 million loss in the second quarter of 2014. Adjusted EBITDA of \$40.8 million for the second quarter of 2015 was 256% higher than the prior year quarter, due to increased throughput and revenue. Cash interest expense was \$0.6 million and maintenance capital expenditures totaled \$3.4 million, resulting in distributable cash flow ("DCF") of \$36.8 million.

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted	Three mon June	 ded	Six mont Jun	ths end e 30,		
EBITDA and DCF (In thousands):	 2014	 2015	 2014		2015	
Net income (loss)	\$ (735)	\$ 19,450	\$ 39	\$	35,098	
Add: Interest expense	1,026	843	1,200		1,666	
Depreciation expense Equity-based compensation	8,656 2,490	15,091 5,388	14,764 3,803		29,673 10,011	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 11,437	\$ 40,772	\$ 19,806	\$	76,448	
Less:						
Cash interest expense		(598)			(1,177)	
Maintenance capital expenditures		 (3,379)			(5,787)	
Distributable cash flow		\$ 36,795		\$	69,484	
Total distributions declared (1)		\$ 28,858		\$	56,196	
DCF coverage ratio		1.28x			1.24x	

### (1) Reflects distribution of \$0.19 per limited partner unit attributable to the second quarter of 2015 declared on July 15, 2015.

Commenting on quarterly results and expectations, Paul Rady, Chairman of the Board and CEO said, "Antero Midstream's strong second quarter is a direct result of Antero Resources' continued operational success driving increased throughput on Antero Midstream's systems. As we look ahead to the remainder of 2015 and into 2016, we expect Antero Midstream throughput volumes and cash flows to exhibit a slight decline during the third quarter and to increase in the fourth quarter as we head into 2016. In 2016, we expect Antero Resources' recently announced production growth targets of 25% to 30% to drive significant throughput growth on Antero Midstream's systems, leading to peer-leading cash flow and distribution growth."

Commenting on distribution growth and guidance, Glen Warren, President and Chief Financial Officer said, "Our second quarter distribution of \$0.19 per unit, a 6% increase compared to the first quarter distribution and 12% increase over the minimum quarterly distribution, along with strong DCF coverage of 1.28x, keeps us on track to achieve our previously stated distribution growth target of 28% to 30%. Additionally, we are reiterating our previously stated 2015 guidance of \$150 to \$160 million of EBITDA and \$135 to \$145 million of distributable cash flow."

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#### **Balance Sheet and Liquidity**

As of June 30, 2015 Antero Midstream had \$113 million of cash on its balance sheet and a fully undrawn \$1 billion credit facility, resulting in \$1.1 billion of available liquidity. Antero Midstream expects to fund all 2015 expansion capital expenditures, excluding potential third party transactions or the potential acquisition of the water business from Antero Resources pursuant to the exercise of its option, with the cash on its balance sheet and drawings under its credit facility.

## Second Quarter 2015 Capital Spending

Capital expenditures were \$74 million in the second quarter of 2015, including \$52 million in the Marcellus and \$22 million in the Utica. Capital invested was primarily related to the build-out of midstream infrastructure to support Antero Resources' development program.

#### **Conference Call**

Antero Midstream will hold a call on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 10:00 am MT to discuss the results. A brief Q&A session for security analysts will immediately follow the discussion of the results. To participate in the call, dial in at 888-347-8204 (U.S.), 855-669-9657 (Canada), or 412-902-4229 (International) and reference "Antero Midstream". A telephone replay of the call will be available until Friday, August 7, 2015 at 10:00 am MT at 877-870-5176 (U.S.) or 858-384-5517 (International) the passcode 10067256.

To access the live webcast and view the related earnings conference call presentation, visit Antero Midstream's website at www.anteromidstream.com. The webcast will be archived for replay on the Partnership's website until Friday, August 7, 2015 at 10:00 am MT.

#### Presentation

An updated presentation will be posted to the Partnership's website before the July 30, 2015 conference call. The presentation can be found at www.anteromidstream.com on the homepage. Information on the Partnership's website does not constitute a portion of this press release.

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

As used in this news release, adjusted EBITDA means net income plus interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, income tax expense (if applicable), and non-cash equity-based compensation expense. As used in this news release, distributable cash flow means adjusted EBITDA less cash interest paid and maintenance capital expenditures. Distributable cash flow should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that the Partnership has available for distributions from operating surplus or that the Partnership plans to distribute. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are non-GAAP supplemental financial measures that management and external users of the Partnership's consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies, use to assess:

- the Partnership's operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in the midstream energy industry without regard to historical cost basis or, in the case of adjusted EBITDA, financing methods;
- the ability of the Partnership's assets to generate sufficient cash flow to make distributions to the Partnership's unitholders;
- the Partnership's ability to incur and service debt and fund capital expenditures; and
- the viability of acquisitions and other capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.

The Partnership believes that adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow provide useful information to investors in assessing the Partnership's financial condition and results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow should not be considered as alternatives to net income, operating income, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities. Additionally, because adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may be defined differently by other partnerships in its industry, the Partnership's definition of adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other partnerships, thereby diminishing their utility.

For a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow to net income (loss), please refer to the table on page two of this press release.

The following table reconciles adjusted EBITDA to net cash provided by operating activities:

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	Three mon Jun	nths end e 30,	ed	Six months ended June 30,			
(In thousands):	 2014 2015		 2014		2015		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 11,437	\$	40,772	\$ 19,806	\$	76,448	
Less:							
Interest expense	(1,026)		(843)	(1,200)		(1,666)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	24		4,369	(1,566)		9,007	
Plus:							
Amortization of deferred financing costs			245			489	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 10,435	\$	44,543	\$ 17,040	\$	84,278	

The Partnership does not provide financial guidance for projected net income or changes in working capital, and therefore is unable to provide a reconciliation of its adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow guidance to net income, operating income, or net cash flow provided by operating activities, the most comparable financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Antero Midstream Partners LP is a limited partnership that owns, operates and develops midstream gathering, compression and pipeline assets that service Antero Resources' production located in the Appalachian Basin in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

This release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of federal securities laws. Such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Partnership's control. All statements, other than historical facts included in this release, are forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release. Although the Partnership believes that the plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-

looking statements are reasonable, there is no assurance that these plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. Therefore, actual outcomes and results could materially differ from what is expressed, implied or forecasted in such statements.

The Partnership cautions you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, incident to the gathering and compression business. These risks include, but are not limited to, commodity price volatility, inflation, environmental risks, drilling and completion and other operating risks, regulatory changes, the uncertainty inherent in projecting future rates of production, cash flow and access to capital, the timing of development expenditures, and the other risks described under "Risk Factors" in Antero Midstream's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

For more information, contact Michael Kennedy – VP Finance, at (303) 357-6782 or mkennedy@anteroresources.com.

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets December 31, 2014, and June 30, 2015 (Unaudited) (In thousands, except unit counts)

		2014	2015
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	230,192	\$ 112,867
Accounts receivable—affiliate		17,646	18,675
Prepaid expenses		518	 209
Total current assets		248,356	131,75
Property and equipment:			
Gathering and compression systems		1,180,707	1,325,100
Less accumulated depreciation		(51,110)	 (80,782
Property and equipment, net		1,129,597	1,244,324
Other assets, net		17,168	 16,82
Total assets	\$	1,395,121	\$ 1,392,89
Liabilities and Partners' Capital			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	8,728	\$ 7,26
Accounts payable—affiliate		1,380	1,43
Accrued capital expenditures		37,208	23,264
Accrued ad valorem tax		1,973	9,852
Accrued liabilities		3,373	 5,18
Total current liabilities		52,662	 46,99
Contingencies (Note 8)			
Partners' capital:			
		1,090,037	1,090,45
Common unitholders - public (46,000,000 units issued and outstanding)			
		71,665	74,013
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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Three Months Ended June 30, 2014, and 2015

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except unit counts and per unit amounts)

	Three months ended June 30,		
	2014	2015	
Revenue—affiliate	\$ 16,923	\$ 56,593	
Operating expenses:			
Direct operating	2,196	11,292	
General and administrative (including \$2,490 and \$5,388 of equity-based compensation in			
2014 and 2015, respectively)	5,780	9,917	
Depreciation	8,656	15,091	
Total operating expenses	16,632	36,300	
Operating income	291	20,293	

Interest expense (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$ <sup>1</sup> (935)	\$	19, <b>43</b> 0
Less: General partner's interest in net income			
Limited partners' interest in net income		\$	19,450
Net income per limited partner unit:		_	
Basic:			
Common units		\$	0.13
Subordinated units		\$	0.13
Diluted:			
Common units		\$	0.13
Subordinated units		\$	0.13
Weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:			
Basic:			
Common units			75,940,957
Subordinated units			75,940,957
Diluted:			
Common units			75,957,984
Subordinated units			75,940,957
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# ANTERO MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income Six Months Ended June 30, 2014, and 2015 (Unaudited) (In thousands, except unit counts and per unit amounts)

	Six months en	ided Ji	led June 30,	
	2014		2015	
Revenue—affiliate	\$ 28,696	\$	108,836	
Operating expenses:				
Direct operating	3,137		22,981	
General and administrative (including \$3,803 and \$10,011 of equity-based compensation in				
2014 and 2015, respectively)	9,556		19,418	
Depreciation	 14,764		29,673	
Total operating expenses	 27,457		72,072	
Operating income	 1,239		36,764	
Interest expense	 1,200	_	1,666	
Net income and comprehensive income	\$ 39	\$	35,098	
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Less: General partner's interest in net income				
Limited partners' interest in net income		\$	35,098	
Net income per limited partner unit:		_	,	
Basic:				
Common units		\$	0.23	
Subordinated units		\$	0.23	
Diluted:				
Common units		\$	0.23	
Subordinated units		\$	0.23	
Weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:				
Basic:				
Common units			75,940,957	
Subordinated units			75,940,957	
Diluted:				
Common units			75,956,354	
Subordinated units			75,940,957	

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## ANTERO MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Three Months Ended June 30, 2014, and 2015 (Unaudited) (In thousands)

Six months ended June 30,20142015

Cash flows provided by operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 39	\$	35,098
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			,
Depreciation	14,764		29,673
Equity-based compensation	3,803		10,011
Amortization of deferred financing costs			489
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable—affiliate	(3,214)		(1,029)
Prepaid expenses	(39)		309
Accounts payable	1,501		(13)
Accounts payable—affiliate			50
Accrued ad valorem tax			7,879
Accrued liabilities	186		1,811
Net cash provided by operating activities	17,040		84,278
Cash flows used in investing activities:			
Additions to property and equipment	(265,554)		(200,075)
Change in working capital of affiliate related to property and equipment	_		40,277
Change in other assets	(37,646)		(126)
Net cash used in investing activities	(303,200)		(159,924)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities:			
Deemed contribution from parent, net	59,655		
Distribution to unitholders			(41,660)
Borrowings on credit facility	228,924		
Payments of deferred financing costs			(19)
Payments on capital lease obligations	(459)		
Payments of IPO related costs	 (1,960)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	 286,160		(41,679)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		_	(117,325)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period			230,192
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 	\$	112,867
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the period for interest and commitment fees	\$ 999	\$	1,177
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing activities:			
Increase (decrease) in accrued capital expenditures and accounts payable for property and			
equipment	\$ 26,626	\$	(15,399)
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