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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

Amendment No. 3

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP

(Name of Issuer)

Common units representing limited partnership interests

(Title of Class of Securities)

874697 105

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 17, 2015

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
2	Tallgrass Operations, LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) " (b) x
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
5	OO (See Item 3) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
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NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 26,355,480 common units*

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

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- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11
 - 53.7%**
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
 - OO (Limited Liability Company)
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- ** Based on the number of Common Units (49,034,105) issued and outstanding as of February 17, 2015 after giving effect to the conversion of the Subordinated Units.

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- ** Based on the number of Common Units (49,034,105) issued and outstanding as of February 17, 2015 after giving effect to the conversion of the Subordinated Units.

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- ** Based on the number of Common Units (49,034,105) issued and outstanding as of February 17, 2015 after giving effect to the conversion of the Subordinated Units.

This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D is filed by the Reporting Persons as an amendment to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the <u>SE</u>C) on May 28, 2013, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on July 11, 2013, as further amended by Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on April 2, 2014 (as amended, this <u>Schedule 13D</u>). This Amendment No. 3 relates to common units representing limited partner interests (<u>Common Units</u>) in Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the <u>Issuer</u>). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the original Schedule 13D. Only those items of the Schedule 13D that are being amended hereby are included herein.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

- (a) This Schedule 13D is being jointly filed pursuant to a Joint Filing Agreement by the following persons (collectively, the <u>Reporting Persons</u>):
 - (i) Tallgrass Operations, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>Tallgrass Operations</u>);
 - (ii) Tallgrass Development, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (<u>Tallgrass Development</u>);
 - (iii) Tallgrass Development GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>Tallgrass Development G</u>P); and
- (iv) Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>Tallgrass GP Holdings</u>). Tallgrass Operations is a limited partner of the Issuer with a 52.9% limited partner interest (based on the aggregate number of Common Units and general partner units representing general partner interests (<u>General Partner Units</u>) of the Issuer outstanding as of the date hereof). Tallgrass Development is the sole member of Tallgrass Operations. Tallgrass Development GP is the sole general partner of Tallgrass Development. Tallgrass GP Holdings is the sole member of Tallgrass Development GP.

The Reporting Persons have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 1 to the original Schedule 13D and is incorporated into this Item 2 by reference, pursuant to which the Reporting Persons agreed to file this statement jointly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Act. Information with respect to each Reporting Person is given solely by such Reporting Person, and no Reporting Person assumes responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information furnished by another Reporting Person. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim that they have agreed to act as a group other than as described in this schedule. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4 of the Act, the Reporting Persons expressly declare that the filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that any such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) and/or Section 13(g) of the Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this schedule held by any other person and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

Pursuant to General Instruction C of Schedule 13D, certain information required by this Item 2 concerning the officers and managers of the Reporting Persons is set forth on <u>Schedule A</u>, attached hereto, which is incorporated into this Item 2 by reference.

(b) The principal business address of each of the Reporting Persons is:

4200 W. 115th Street, Suite 350

Leawood, Kansas 66211

- (c) The name and present principal occupation of each director and/or executive officer, as applicable of each of the Reporting Persons (collectively, the <u>Covered Individuals</u>) is set forth on <u>Schedule</u> A and is incorporated by reference in this Item 2. The Covered Individuals together with the Reporting Persons are referred to as the Covered Persons. All Covered Individuals are United States citizens. The principal business address of each of the Covered Individuals is set forth on <u>Schedule A</u>.
- (d) None of the Reporting Persons or, to the best of any Reporting Person s knowledge, any of the Covered Individuals has, during the last five years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) None of the Reporting Persons or, to the best of any Reporting Person s knowledge, any of the Covered Individuals has, during the last five years been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceedings was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Each of Tallgrass Operations, Tallgrass Development, Tallgrass Development GP and Tallgrass GP Holdings are entities properly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following at the end thereof:

On September 5, 2014, the Issuer, Tallgrass Operations, Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>Pony Express</u>), and Tallgrass Development entered into a definitive Contribution and Transfer Agreement (the <u>Pony Express Agreement</u>) pursuant to which Tallgrass PXP Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer (<u>PXP Holdings</u>), acquired 33.3% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in Pony Express (the <u>Subject Interest</u>) from Tallgrass Operations. The aggregate consideration paid by the Issuer in connection with the acquisition of the Subject Interest was (i) \$597 million in cash and (ii) the issuance of 70,340 Common Units to Tallgrass Operations, which, based upon the September 4 closing price of a Common Unit on the New York Stock Exchange, equates to approximately \$3 million.

The foregoing description of the Pony Express Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Pony Express Agreement, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 8, 2014, which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

On February 17, 2015, all 16,200,000 subordinated units representing limited partner interests in (<u>Subordinated Units</u>) in the Issuer were converted into Common Units on a one-to-one basis upon the termination of the subordination period as set forth in the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP, dated as of May 17, 2013.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) Tallgrass Operations is the record and beneficial owner of 26,355,480 Common Units, which based on there being 49,034,105 Common Units outstanding as of February 17, 2015, represents 53.7% of the outstanding Common Units of the Issuer.

Tallgrass Development does not directly own any Common Units of the Issuer; however, as the sole member of Tallgrass Operations, it may be deemed to beneficially own the 26,355,480 Common Units held of record by Tallgrass Operations, which represents approximately 53.7% of the outstanding Common Units of the Issuer.

Tallgrass Development GP does not directly own any Common Units of the Issuer. Tallgrass Development GP is the general partner of Tallgrass Development. Tallgrass Development is the sole member of Tallgrass Operations. As such, Tallgrass Development GP may be deemed to beneficially own the 26,355,480 Common Units held of record by Tallgrass Operations, which represents approximately 53.7% of the outstanding Common Units of the Issuer.

Tallgrass GP Holdings does not directly own any Common Units of the Issuer. Tallgrass GP Holdings is the sole member of Tallgrass Development GP. Tallgrass Development GP is the general partner of Tallgrass Development. Tallgrass Development is the sole member of Tallgrass Operations. As such, Tallgrass GP Holdings may be deemed to beneficially own the 26,355,480 Common Units held of record by Tallgrass Operations, which represents approximately 53.7% of the outstanding Common Units of the Issuer.

In addition, as of the date of this Schedule 13D, certain of the Covered Individuals beneficially own the number and percentage of Common Units set forth in the following table:

	Common Units Beneficially Owned Not Subject to	Common Units Beneficially Owned Subject to	Percentage of Class Beneficially
Name	Vesting	Vesting	Owned
David G. Dehaemers, Jr. (1)	201,520		*
William R. Moler		$50,000^{(2)}$	*
Gary J. Brauchle	9,113(4)	50,000(2)	*
George E. Rider	2,500	$50,000^{(2)}$	*
Richard L. Bullock	4,672 ⁽⁴⁾	$27,500^{(2)}$	*
Gary D. Watkins	1,000	$25,000^{(2)}$	*
John T. Raymond	100,000		*
Jeffrey A. Ball	20,000		*
Frank J. Loverro			
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Stanley de J. Osborne

- * Less than 1% of the class beneficially owned.
- (1) Mr. Dehaemers indirectly owns the shares through the David G. Dehaemers, Jr. Revocable Trust, dated April 26, 2006, to which Mr. Dehaemers serves as Trustee.
- (2) One-third of the Common Units vest on the later to occur of the date that the Pony Express Crude Oil Pipeline is initially placed into commercial service by Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline, LLC (the In-Service Date) or May 13, 2015. The remaining two-thirds of the Common Units vest on the later to occur of the In-Service Date or May 13, 2017. The Pony Express Crude Oil Pipeline commenced service in October 2014.
- (3) One-third of the Common Units vest on the later to occur of the In-Service Date or May 13, 2015, one-third of the Common Units vested on the later to occur of the In-Service Date or May 13, 2016 and the remaining one-third of the Common Units vest on the later to occur of the In-Service Date or May 13, 2017. The Pony Express Crude Oil Pipeline commenced service in October 2014.
- (4) Rounded to the nearest whole Common Unit.

Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by any of the Reporting Persons (other than by Tallgrass Operations, solely with respect to its direct holdings of the Common Units) that it is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Units referred to herein for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed by each Reporting Person (other than by Tallgrass Operations, solely with respect to its direct holdings of the Common Units) except to the extent of such Reporting Person s pecuniary interest, if any, in the Common Units.

(b) The information set forth in Items 7 through 11 of the cover pages hereto are incorporated herein by reference. To the Reporting Persons knowledge, each of the Covered Individuals listed in the table in Item 5(a) has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to all of the Common Units reported for him in the table in Item 5(a).

(c) Except as set forth below, in Item 3 above or elsewhere in this Schedule 13D, none of the Reporting Persons has effected any transactions in Common Units in the past 60 days.

On February 13, 2015, Mr. Bullock acquired 46 Common Units at a weighted-average price of \$49.98 per Common Unit as a result of an automatic dividend reinvestment feature contained in Mr. Bullock s brokerage account.

- (d) The Reporting Persons have the right to receive distributions from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the respective Common Units reported by such persons on the cover page of this Schedule 13D and in this Item 5. Except for the foregoing and the cash distribution described in Item 6 below, no other person is known by the Reporting Persons to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of distributions from, or the proceeds from the sale of, Common Units beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons or, to the Reporting Persons knowledge, the Covered Individuals.
- (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer. Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented by incorporating by reference herein the information provided or incorporated by reference in Item 3.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

- Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement (filed as Exhibit 1 to the Reporting Persons Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on May 28, 2013).
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- Exhibit 3 Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement dated May 17, 2013, among Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC, Tallgrass Development, LP, Tallgrass Development GP, LLC, Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass Operations, LLC, Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC, Tallgrass Midstream, LLC and Tallgrass MLP Operations, LLC (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer s current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 17, 2013 and incorporated herein in its entirety by reference).
- Exhibit 4 Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC (filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Issuer s current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 17, 2013 and incorporated herein in its entirety by reference).

- Exhibit 5 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2013, by and among Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP, Tallgrass Development, LP, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and the Underwriters named therein (filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Issuer s current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 17, 2013 and incorporated herein in its entirety by reference).
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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 19, 2015

TALLGRASS GP HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ George E. Rider
George E. Rider
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and
Secretary

TALLGRASS DEVELOPMENT GP, LLC

By: /s/ George E. Rider
George E. Rider
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

TALLGRASS DEVELOPMENT, LP

By: Tallgrass Development GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ George E. Rider
George E. Rider
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and
Secretary

TALLGRASS OPERATIONS, LLC

By: /s/ George E. Rider
George E. Rider
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and
Secretary

SCHEDULE A

Information about the Reporting Persons

Schedule A is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The name and title of the sole member and the executive officers of Tallgrass Operations, LLC are set forth below. The business address of each is 4200 W. 115th Street, Suite 350, Leawood, Kansas 66211. The principal business of Tallgrass Operations, LLC is to own, operate, develop and acquire midstream energy assets.

Name Tallgrass Development, LP	Title Sole Member of Tallgrass Operations, LLC
David G. Dehaemers, Jr.	President and Chief Executive Officer
William R. Moler	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Gary J. Brauchle	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
George E. Rider	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Richard L. Bullock	Vice President, Human Resources, Tax and Risk Management

Gary D. Watkins

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
The name and title of the general partner of Tallgrass Development, LP is set forth below. The business address of the general partner of Tallgrass Development, LP is 4200 W. 115th Street, Suite 350, Leawood, Kansas 66211. The principal business of Tallgrass Development, LP is to own, operate, develop and acquire midstream energy assets.

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David G. Dehaemers, Jr.	President and Chief Executive Officer
William R. Moler	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Gary J. Brauchle	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
George E. Rider	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Richard L. Bullock	Vice President, Human Resources, Tax and Risk Management

Gary D. Watkins

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The name, title and principal occupation of the directors and executive officers of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC are set forth below. The business address of each is 4200 W. 115th Street, Suite 350, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

Name	Title	Principal Occupation
David G. Dehaemers, Jr.	Director; President and Chief Executive Officer	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC
William R. Moler	Director; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC
Gary J. Brauchle	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC
George E. Rider	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC
Richard L. Bullock	Vice President, Human Resources, Tax and Risk Management	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC

Gary D. Watkins	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer	Officer of Tallgrass GP Holdings, LLC, Tallgrass MLP GP, LLC and Tallgrass Development GP, LLC
John T. Raymond	Director	Chief Executive Officer of affiliated investment funds commonly referred to as The Energy & Minerals Group
Jeffrey A. Ball	Director	Employee of The Energy & Minerals Group
Stanley de J. Osborne	Director	Managing Director of Kelso & Company
Frank J. Loverro	Director	Managing Director of Kelso & Company

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