FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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				vent Requiring Year) 8	Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Duncan Energy Partners L.P. [ DEP ]							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1100 LOUISIANA STREET; SUITE 1000						Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)    Dispeter   Check all applicable   Che		ıer	10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) HOUSTON (City)	TX (State)	77002 (Zip)				х	Director X Officer (give title below) Executive Vice President Control of the Con		Other (specify below)		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					2. Amount o (Instr. 4)	f Securities Beneficially Owned		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests						0		D <sup>(1)</sup>					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)													
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 4. Conversi Exercise Pr of Derivativ			ce F		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title			Amount or Number of Shares	Security				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The power of attorney under which this form was signed is attached as Exhibit 24.

 $\underline{William\ L.\ Soula,\ Attorney-in-Fact,\ on\ behalf}$ 

05/12/2008

of James H. Lytal \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see instruction 6 for procedure.

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

	KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THIS DOCUMENT: That I, James H. Lytal, have made, constituted, and appointed, and by this document do make, constitute, and appoint Richard
	/s/ Richard H. Bachmann
	Richard H. Bachmann, Attorney-in-Fact
	/s/ Stephanie C. Hildebrandt
	Stephanie C. Hildebrandt, Attorney-in-Fact
	/s/ Philip C. Neisel
	Philip C. Neisel, Attorney-in-Fact
	/s/ William L. Soula
	William L. Soula, Attorney-in-Fact
	/s/ Vickie L. Graham
	Vickie L. Graham, Attorney-in-Fact
or	any of them, signing singly, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, and in my name, place, and stead to:
1.	Execute, deliver and file on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer of DEP Holdings, LLC, the sole general partner of Duncan Energy
2.	Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and time
3.	Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with or in furtherance of the matters described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above which in the opinion of in
	Giving and granting to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform every act necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of the
	This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this _12th_ day of May, 2008.
	/s/ . JAMES H. LYTAL