

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SNELL RICHARD S</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1100 LOUISIANA STREET</u> <u>SUITE 1000</u>  (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/01/2010</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Duncan Energy Partners L.P. [ DEP ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Units Representing Limited Partnership Interests</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>D</u>	

**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)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Wendi S. Bickett, Attorney-In-Fact for Mr. Richard S. Snell 01/05/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* 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, Richard S. Snell, have made, constituted, and appointed, and by this document do make, constitute, and appoint Richard H. Bachmann, Stephanie C. Hildebrandt, Christopher S. Wade, and Wendi S. Bickett, of the County of Harris, State of Texas, whose signatures are:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Richard H. Bachmann\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard H. Bachmann, Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Stephanie C. Hildebrandt\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie C. Hildebrandt, Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Christopher S. Wade\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher S. Wade, Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Wendi S. Bickett\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendi S. Bickett, 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 a director of DEP Holdings, LLC, the sole general partner of Duncan Energy Partners L.P. (the "Company"), any U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Form 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder with respect to holdings of or trading in securities issued by the Company;

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 timely file such form or any amendment thereto with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

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 its attorney-in-fact may be of benefit to, and in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned.

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 foregoing powers as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that each attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of January, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Richard S. Snell\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard S. Snell