

NuStar Energy L.P.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLANK STEVEN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2330 NORTH LOOP 1604 WEST

(Street)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78248

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NuStar Energy L.P. [NS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SVP, CFO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Units | 01/28/2011 | | A | | 5,965 (1) | A | \$ 0 36,615 D |
| Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting) | 01/28/2011 | | F | | 2,226 | D | \$ 68.96 34,389 D |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. NuStar Energy L.P. Derivative Security Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLANK STEVEN A 2330 NORTH LOOP 1604 WEST SAN ANTONIO, TX 78248 | | | SVP, CFO & Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ Matthew D. Willcox, as Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A. Blank
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- On January 28, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of NuStar GP LLC, the general partner of NuStar Energy L.P.'s general partner, determined that NuStar Energy L.P.'s total unitholder return was in the top quartile of its peer group for 2010. As a result, the performance units granted to Mr. Blank in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that were available to vest for 2010 performance vested at 150%, in accordance with the applicable agreements. Under the agreements, performance units available to vest that do not vest in a given year are carried forward for one year. In addition, under the omnibus amendments to the applicable award agreements, performance units that would have lapsed in January 2010 were carried forward for an additional year. These carried-forward units vested at 100%, in accordance with the agreements.

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