

NuStar Energy L.P.  
Form 8-K  
May 10, 2011

**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): May 5, 2011

**NuStar Energy L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-16417**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**74-2956831**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**2330 North Loop 1604 West**

**San Antonio, Texas 78248**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(210) 918-2000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable**

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

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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 5, 2011, the unitholders of NuStar Energy L.P. (the Partnership), upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors of NuStar GP, LLC (the Company), the general partner of the general partner of the Partnership, approved the NuStar GP, LLC 2000 Third Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Amended and Restated Plan) at a special meeting (the Special Meeting).

The Amended and Restated Plan increased the number of common units available for issuance from 1,500,000 common units to 3,250,000 common units. In addition, the Amended and Restated Plan clarified that, consistent with past practices, any common units delivered under the Amended and Restated Plan shall consist of currently issued and outstanding common units, rather than newly issued common units. The Amended and Restated Plan authorizes the Company to issue equity-based compensation to the Company's employees, including named executive officers, and non-employee directors.

The above discussion of the Amended and Restated Plan is qualified in its entirety by the text of the Amended and Restated Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.01 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

As discussed above, on May 5, 2011, the Special Meeting was held. A total of 57,973,806 of the Partnership's common units were present or represented by proxy at the meeting, representing approximately 89.72% of all the votes entitled to be cast at the Special Meeting. The matters submitted for a vote and the related results are as follows:

**Proposal No. 1** Approval of the NuStar GP, LLC Third Amended and Restated 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The results of the votes taken were as follows:

		Votes	Broker
Votes For	Votes Against	Withheld	Non-Votes
31,183,005	1,654,534	203,872	24,932,395

**Proposal No. 2** Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Partnership's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. The results of the votes taken were as follows:

		Votes	Broker
Votes For	Votes Against	Withheld	Non-Votes
57,476,131	332,888	164,787	0

Pursuant to the foregoing votes: (i) the NuStar GP, LLC Third Amended and Restated 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan has been approved; and (ii) the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as the Partnership's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 has been ratified.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

10.01 NuStar GP, LLC 2000 Third Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.

**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.

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P.  
its general partner

By: NuStar GP, LLC  
its general partner

Date: May 10, 2011

By: /s/ Amy L. Perry  
Name: Amy L. Perry  
Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Number	Exhibit
10.01	NuStar GP, LLC 2000 Third Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.