

Swank Jerry V  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Swank Jerry V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Cushing MLP Total Return Fund [SRV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3300 OAK LAWN AVE, SUITE 650  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2009

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

DALLAS, TX 75219  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	09/14/2009		P	V A	\$ 54,000 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> 6.02 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)**

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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of
	Exercisable	Date		Shares
Code V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Swank Jerry V 3300 OAK LAWN AVE, SUITE 650 DALLAS, TX 75219	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jerry V.  
Swank

09/16/2009

\*\*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).

(1) The filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that Jerry V. Swank ("Mr. Swank") is or was for the purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of any of the common shares of Cushing MLP Total Return Fund ("Common Shares") held by private investment funds ultimately managed by Mr. Swank (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"). Pursuant to Rule 16a-1, Mr. Swank disclaims such beneficial ownership beyond his pecuniary interest in the Funds.

(2) An additional 9,236 Common Shares are held by a Fund, as previously reported on a Form 4 filed on 7/3/08. The Fund's general partner receives an allocation of net profits and an asset based fee from the Fund. Mr. Swank serves as the manager of the general partner of the Fund's general partner.

(3) An additional 4,000 Common Shares are held by a second Fund, as previously reported on a Form 4 filed on 10/25/07. The Fund's general partner receives an allocation of net profits and an asset based fee from the Fund. Mr. Swank serves as the manager of the general partner of the Fund's general partner.

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