

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 *
BLUNTZER JAMES R

(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)
07/26/2012

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)

EVP - Operations

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Unit Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.51	07/26/2012			D ⁽¹⁾			5,400	<u>(1)</u>	10/27/2012	Common Units	5,400
Employee Unit Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.51	07/26/2012			A ⁽¹⁾			5,400	<u>(1)</u>	10/27/2015	Common Units	5,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLUNTZER JAMES R 2330 NORTH LOOP 1604 WEST SAN ANTONIO, TX 78248			EVP - Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Matthew D. Willcox, as Attorney-in-Fact for James R. Bluntzer 07/30/2012

__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 two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in a deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on October 27, 2005 and is fully vested.

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