NuStar Energy L.P. Form 4 February 01, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations

See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Barron Bradley C

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

19003 IH-10 WEST

Common

Units

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78257

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NuStar Energy L.P. [NS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Code V

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

01/28/2016

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

13,126 A \$0 56,519 (1)

4. Securities Acquired

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. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Amou Under Secur	tle and unt of orlying rities : 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
.t	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Barron Bradley C								
19003 IH-10 WEST	X		CEO & President					
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78257								

Signatures

/s/ Michelle S. Miller, as Attorney-in-Fact for Bradley C.
Barron 02/01/2016

performance units available to vest for the 2014 awards and 2015 awards vested at 200%.

**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, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of the Issuer's general partner, determined that the Issuer's total unitholder return was in the second quartile of its peer group for the relevant performance period. As a result, the performance units granted in 2012 and 2013 that were available to vest for the performance period ending on December 31, 2015 vested at 100%, in accordance with the award terms. On January 28, 2016, the Compensation Committee also determined that the Issuer achieved a distribution coverage ratio of 1.11:1 for 2015 and, in accordance with the award terms, the

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