

NuStar Energy L.P.  
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**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 \*  
Shoaf Thomas R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
19003 IH-10 WEST  
(Street)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78257

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Units                    | 01/28/2016                           |  | A                              |   | 7,224 (1)   | A  | \$ 0 29,948 D                     |
| Common Units (2)                | 01/28/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 2,823   | D  | \$ 30.54 27,125 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. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| Shoaf Thomas R<br>19003 IH-10 WEST<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX 78257 |               |           | EVP & CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michelle S. Miller, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas R. Shoaf  
 02/02/2016  
 \*\*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) 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 performance units available to vest for the 2014 awards and 2015 awards vested at 200%.

(2) "Common Units" reported are units not distributed to the reporting person in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligations.

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