

NuStar Energy L.P.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BLANK STEVEN A

(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)  
01/22/2009

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)  
Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting)	01/22/2009		F		168 D \$ 45.26	25,872	D
Common Units	01/22/2009		M		510 A \$ 0	26,382	D
Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting)	01/22/2009		F		183 D \$ 45.26	26,199	D

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Common Units	01/22/2009	M	557	A	\$ 0	26,756	D
Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting)	01/22/2009	F	93	D	\$ 45.26	26,663	D
Common Units	01/22/2009	M	283	A	\$ 0	26,946	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Units	(1)	01/22/2009		A	2,400	(1) 01/22/2012	01/22/2012	Common	2,400
Performance Units	(2)	01/22/2009		M	510	01/22/2009	01/22/2009	Common	1,000
Performance Units	(2)	01/22/2009		M	557	01/22/2009	01/22/2010	Common	1,100
Performance Units	(3)	01/22/2009		M	283	01/22/2009	01/22/2011	Common	560

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANK STEVEN A 2330 NORTH LOOP 1604 WEST			Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer	

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78248

## Signatures

Elizabeth E. Clifton as Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A.  
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01/26/2009

\_\_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) Award of performance units. The performance units vest annually in one-third increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and are payable in common units in amounts ranging from zero to 200% of the performance units.  
Settlement of previously awarded performance units at 50% of the base units awarded in 2006 and 2007 and vested on January 22, 2009,
- (2) as well as the portion of units that vested but were not awarded in January 2008, which carried over pursuant to the terms of the performance unit grants.
- (3) Settlement of performance units awarded in 2008 at 50% of base units.

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