## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting BLANK STEVEN A	J Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NuStar Energy L.P.</u> [ NS ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) 2330 NORTH LOOP 1604 V	(Middle) VEST	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2009	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer
(Street) SAN ANTONIO TX	78248	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting
(City) (State)	(Zip)		Person

#### 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)		
Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting)	01/22/2009		F		168	D	\$45.26	25,872	D			
Common Units	01/22/2009		М		510	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	26,382	D			
Common Units (tax withheld for performance unit vesting)	01/22/2009		F		183	D	\$45.26	26,199	D			
Common Units	01/22/2009		М		557	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	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		М		283	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	26,946	D			

# 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. Transa Code ( 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Units	(1)	01/22/2009		Α		2,400		(1)	01/22/2012	Common	2,400	<b>\$</b> 0	2,400	D	
Performance Units	(2)	01/22/2009		М			510	01/22/2009	01/22/2009	Common	1,020	<b>\$</b> 0	255	D	
Performance Units	(2)	01/22/2009		М			557	01/22/2009	01/22/2010	Common	1,114	\$0	835	D	
Performance Units	(3)	01/22/2009		М			283	01/22/2009	01/22/2011	Common	566	\$0	1,417	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

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.

2. Settlement of previously awarded performance units at 50% of the base units awarded in 2006 and 2007 and vested on January 22, 2009, 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.

### Elizabeth E. Clifton as

Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A. 01/26/2009

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $\ast$  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).

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