FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Kestrel Energy Partners LLC            |  |  |  |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STAR GAS PARTNERS LP [ SGU ] |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner |                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|----------|--|--|--|------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|-------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (Fi  | ,  | Middle)  |          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2012              |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  |                                      | Officer (give title below)  |  |  | (specify   |  |  |
| 2 COUNT RUMFORD LANE   |  |  |  |          |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                |                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (City)   | (St  | ate) (Z                                    | Zip)   |          |  |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/                 |  |  |  | te       | Execution Date,  |  |  |      | 3.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8) |                | 4. Securities Acquired (ADisposed Of (D) (Instr. 35) |  |       |          | , 4 and Secu   |                                      | icially<br>d  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  | Code | v                                | Amount         | (A<br>(D   | ) or<br>)  | Price |          | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |                                      | ,   |  | , ,  |  |  |  |
| Common Units 05/1  |  |  |  | 5/17/201 | 012  |  |  |      | P                                |                | 30,200   |  | A     | \$3.8953 |  | 12,682,550                           |   | I  |  | See<br>Footnote<br>1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                |  |  |
| Common Units   |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  | 500,000                              |   |  | I  | See<br>Footnote<br>2 <sup>(2)</sup>                                |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |          |  |  |  |      |                                  |                |  |  |       |          |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security   | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date, 1  |  | 5. Number of de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  |      | 6. Date Expirati (Month/         | on Da<br>Day/Y |  | Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr<br>3 and 4) |       | ount     | nt<br>er   |                                      | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Seneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Or<br>For<br>Or<br>(I)   | wnership<br>orm:<br>irect (D)<br>r Indirect<br>(Instr. | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These Common Units are owned directly by KM2, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the reporting entity.
- 2. These Common Units are owned directly by Kestrel Heat, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the reporting entity and the sole general partner of the Issuer.

Paul A. Vermylen, Jr.,
President

05/21/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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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