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STAR GAS DECLARES \$0.575 QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION ON ALL UNITS

STAMFORD, CT (January 30, 2002) -- Star Gas Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") (NYSE: SGU, SGH), a diversified energy distributor and services provider - specializing in heating oil, propane, natural gas and electricity, today declared its \$0.575 per unit Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all units for the quarter ended December 31, 2001, payable on February 14, 2002 to Unitholders of record as of February 11, 2002.

Star Gas Partners, L.P., is a leading distributor of home heating oil, propane and deregulated natural gas and electricity. Star is the nation's largest retail distributor of home heating oil, serving approximately 530,000 customers through its Petro and Meenan Oil subsidiaries. Star is also the nation's eighth largest retail propane distributor, serving approximately 280,000 customers throughout the Midwest and Northeast. Star owns a 80.0% controlling interest in Total Gas & Electric, which sells natural gas and electricity in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to approximately 50,000 customers.

This news announcement contains certain forward-looking information that is subject to certain risks and uncertainties as indicated from time to time in the Partnership's 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Included risks and uncertainties are the effects of the weather on the Partnership's financial results, competitive and propane and heating oil pricing pressures and other factors impacting the propane, home heating oil, natural gas and electricity distribution industries.