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## **STAR GAS ANNOUNCES NEW DIVISIONAL PRESIDENT**

STAMFORD, CT (March 6, 2002) -- Star Gas Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") (NYSE: SGU, SGH), a diversified energy distributor and services provider, specializing in heating oil, propane, electricity and natural gas, announced today that effective April 1, 2002, Angelo Catania will succeed Bill Powers as President of the Petro heating oil division. Mr. Powers is taking a well deserved leave of absence. Prior to this promotion, Mr. Catania held various key management roles with Petro including Vice President and General Manager of the Mid-Atlantic region.

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 500,000 customers through its Petro and Meenan Oil subsidiaries. Star is also the nation's eighth largest retail propane distributor, serving approximately 275,000 customers throughout the Midwest and Northeast. Star owns a controlling 80.0% interest in Total Gas and Electric, which sells natural gas and electricity in the Northeast and Mid Atlantic to 54,000 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.