



June 6, 2002

FITCH UPDATES RATING OF STAR GAS DEBT

STAMFORD, CT (June 6, 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, announced today that Fitch Rating Service has reaffirmed its (BBB) rating on the First Mortgage Notes issued by Star's subsidiary Star Gas Propane. At the same time, Fitch has placed on rating watch negative its (BBB) rating of the Senior Secured Notes of Star's subsidiary, Petro.

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 and the nation's seventh largest retail propane distributor. Star owns an 80.0% controlling interest in Total Gas & Electric, which sells natural gas and electricity in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

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.