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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SHINNEBARGER DAVID</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STAR GAS PARTNERS LP 2187 ATLANTIC STREET 4TH FL <hr/> (Street) STAMFORD CT 06902 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2003	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STAR GAS PARTNERS LP [ SGU ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Marketing Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Unit Appreciation Rights</u>	(I)	(I)	<u>Common Units</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>D</u>

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Mr. Shinnebarger was granted 4,500 Unit Appreciation Rights pursuant to his employment agreement. The Rights vest in four equal installments. Mr. Shinnebarger is entitled to receive a payment in cash in respect of each Vested Right equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a Common Unit on the Vesting Date over \$22.00 (as adjusted); provided, however, at any time 30 days before a Right becomes vested, Mr. Shinnebarger has the right to defer payment to any date not more than five years after such Right becomes vested in which case the cash payment shall be deferred until the Deferred Date and shall be based upon the value of a Senior Subordinated Unit on the Deferred Date rather than the Vesting Date

/s/ David A. Shinnebarger      11/25/2003

\*\* 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 5 (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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