

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**  
**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**STAR GAS PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Not applicable**

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PROXY SERVICES  
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EDGEWOOD, NY 11717

**STAR GAS PARTNERS, L.P.  
CLEARWATER HOUSE  
2187 ATLANTIC STREET  
STAMFORD, CT 06902**

JULY 18, 2003

DEAR UNITHOLDER:

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF UNITHOLDERS OF STAR GAS PARTNERS IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY! TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

A VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM (VIF) WAS PROVIDED IN RECENT REMINDER MAILINGS TO ALL UNITHOLDERS. YOUR VOTE MAY BE CAST BY TELEPHONE, INTERNET OR BY MAIL BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE VIF.

SINCE TIME IS SHORT AND YOUR VOTE CRITICAL, WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED A METHOD THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO VOTE BY TOLL-FREE PROXYGRAM. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIMPLE STEPS LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

REMEMBER, EVERY VOTE COUNTS, SO REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF UNITS YOU HOLD, PLEASE VOTE TODAY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE IN VOTING YOUR UNITS, PLEASE CALL GEORGESON SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS AT 800-960-7546.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

IRIK P. SEVIN  
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TOLL-FREE PROXYGRAM OPERATORS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE COMPANY  
ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU NOW!!!**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Call Toll-Free 1-877-880-9547, anytime, day or night.
2. Tell the operator that you wish to send a collect ProxyGram to ID No. 4062, Star Gas Partners, L.P.
3. State your name, address and telephone number.
4. State the bank or broker at which your units are held and your control number as shown below:

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Name: <NA.1>  
Broker: <Broker>  
Control Number: <ControlNum>  
Number of Units: <NumShares>

5. Give the operator your voting preferences, using the proxy text below.

**PROXY  
STAR GAS PARTNERS, L.P.  
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OUR GENERAL PARTNER**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 25, 2003**

The undersigned unitholder hereby appoints Irik P. Sevin, Ami Trauber and Richard F. Ambury and each of them, proxies with full power of substitution for and in the name of the undersigned to vote all the common units, senior subordinated units and junior subordinated units of Star Gas Partners, L.P. which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Special Meeting to be held on July 25, 2003, and at any and all adjournments thereof, on all matters that may properly come before the meeting.

Your units will be voted as directed below. If no direction is given for any item, it will be voted in favor of the proposals.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. BY VOTING PROMPTLY, YOU CAN AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF RECEIVING FOLLOW-UP MAILINGS AND HELP STAR GAS PARTNERS AVOID ADDITIONAL EXPENSES.**

The Board of Directors of Star Gas LLC, our general partner, unanimously recommends a vote FOR the following proposals:

1. A proposal to amend our partnership agreement to permit us to issue an unlimited number of common units or units ranking on a parity with common units if the proceeds from such issuances are used to repay our long term indebtedness including indebtedness of our direct and indirect subsidiaries.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. A proposal to amend our partnership agreement to permit us to issue an unlimited number of common units or units ranking on a parity with common units if the proceeds from such issuances are used to acquire capital assets in a transaction approved by our general partner's independent directors.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3. A proposal to amend our partnership agreement to permit us to issue up to 3,000,000 additional common units or units ranking on a parity with common units for general partnership purposes.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. The undersigned hereby authorizes the proxies to vote in their discretion on any other business that may properly be brought before the special meeting or any adjournment thereof.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give your name to the operator exactly as it appears hereon. If units are held jointly, please give each name to the operator. When voting as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such.