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STAR GAS APPOINTS NEW DIVISIONAL PRESIDENT

STAMFORD, CT (May 6, 2004) -- Star Gas Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") (NYSE: SGU, SGH), a diversified energy distributor and services provider, specializing in heating oil and propane announced today, Dan Donovan will succeed Angelo Catania as President of the Petro heating oil division. Prior to this promotion, Mr. Donovan held various key management roles including Vice President and General Manager of Petro's Meenan Oil Operations.

Star Gas Partners, L.P., is a leading distributor of home heating oil and propane. The Partnership is the nation's largest retail distributor of home heating oil and the nation's seventh largest retail propane distributor. Additional information is available at www.star-gas.com.

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