

BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ESSELMAN MARK S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 600

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77046

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P. [BPL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

SVP, Global Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price				
Limited Partner Units	12/15/2016		M		3,676	A	Ⓣ	31,521	D
Limited Partner Units	12/15/2016		F		1,544	D	\$ 63.51	29,977	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2016		M	1,838	12/15/2016 12/15/2016	Limited Partner Units	1,838
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESSELMAN MARK S ONE GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77046			SVP, Global Human Resources	

Signatures

/s/ Todd J. Russo, as attorney in fact for Mark S. Esselman 12/19/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

(1) Each phantom unit is the economic equivalent of one limited partner unit of Buckeye Partners, L.P.

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