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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | d Address of | HE | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERITAGE PROPANE PARTNERS L P [HPG] | | | | | | | | | Relations theck all a Dir | ng Perso X | 10% C | | | | | | |
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| (Last) 8801 S. Y | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2004 | | | | | | | | | | icer (give title ow) | below) | | | | | | | |
| (Street) TULSA (City) | ULSA OK 74137 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | G. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of S | 2A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | | n Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | d Secu Bend Own | mount of irities eficially ed Following orted | 6. Own Form: I (D) or I (I) (Inst | Direct ndirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | int (A) or (D) | | Price | Tran | saction(s) r. 3 and 4) | | | (1113411 4) | | |
| Common | Units | | /2004 | 2004 | | | | | 4,426,9 | 16 | D | \$ | 0 | 0 | |) | | | | |
| Class E U | 0/2004 | | | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,426,916 | | A | \$0 | | 4,426,916 | |) | | | | | | |
| | 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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, Trans Code | | | of | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye | | е | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | tr. 3 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | m: ect (D) ndirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | er | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The referenced Common Units were converted to 4,426,916 Class E Units pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Issuer, as amended, following the Issuer's acquisition of the common stock of the holder of such units on January 20, 2004.

/s/ Robert A. Burk, by Power of Attorney 01/22/2004

** 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 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).

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