

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>U S PROPANE LP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>8801 S. YALE AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>TULSA</u> <u>OK</u> <u>74137</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERITAGE PROPANE PARTNERS L P [HPG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>General Partner</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/20/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Units	01/20/2004		J ⁽¹⁾		180,028	D	\$0	0	D	
Common Units	01/20/2004		J ⁽²⁾		4,426,916	D	\$0	0	I	See footnote 2

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

1. These units were previously owned, and reported directly, by U.S. Propane, L.P., and transferred to an affiliate of the former owners of U.S. Propane, L.P. prior to their sale of U.S. Propane, L.P. on January 20, 2004. Such affiliate is owned by the former owners in the same proportion as their ownership of U.S. Propane, L.P.
2. These units are held by Heritage Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of the Reporting Person until the stock of such subsidiary was distributed to an affiliate of the Reporting Person's former owners and subsequently sold on January 20, 2004. These units are reported directly by Heritage Holdings, Inc.

/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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