

BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.

Form 4

December 30, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Smith Clark C.

(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)  
12/26/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

CEO and President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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		
Limited Partner Units	12/26/2014		M		3,290	A	<u>(1)</u>	29,595	D
Limited Partner Units	12/26/2014		F		1,382	D	\$ 77.73	28,213	D
Limited Partner Units								5,215 <u>(2)</u>	I
									Trust for son

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units	(1)	12/26/2014		M		1,645		12/26/2014(3)	12/26/2014(3)	Limited Partner Units	1,645
Phantom Units	(1)	12/26/2014		M		1,645		12/26/2014(3)	12/26/2014(3)	Limited Partner Units	1,645

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Clark C. ONE GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77046	X		CEO and President	

## Signatures

/s/ Todd J. Russo, as attorney-in-fact for Clark C. Smith

12/30/2014

\_\_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.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities because the reporting person is not the trustee of the trust and does not exercise any control over the trustee or derive any economic benefit from the securities. This report shall not be deemed an admission

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that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose. Includes 215 units acquired through a distribution reinvestment plan.

- (3) The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Buckeye GP LLC has taken action to accelerate the vesting of these units from January 1, 2015 to December 26, 2014.

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