BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.

Form 4

December 19, 2016 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Pelton Patrick L Issuer Symbol BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P. [BPL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title ONE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 12/15/2016 below) 600 VP, Controller, and CAO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77046 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)
Limited Partner Units	12/15/2016		M	858	A	(1)	2,542	D	
Limited Partner Units	12/15/2016		F	236	D	\$ 63.51	2,306	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of the securities of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secus (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2016		M	429	12/15/2016	12/15/2016	Limited Partner Units	429	Ω
Phantom Units	(1)	12/15/2016		M	429	12/15/2016	12/15/2016	Limited Partner Units	429	Ω

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

> > VP, Controller, and CAO

Pelton Patrick L

ONE GREENWAY PLAZA

SUITE 600

HOUSTON, TX 77046

Signatures

/s/ Todd J. Russo, as attorney in fact for Patrick L. 12/19/2016 Pelton

> **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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