# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 15, 2024

# NuStar Energy L.P. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-16417

(Commission File Number)

74-2956831 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

19003 IH-10 West

San Antonio, Texas 78257 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 918-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230 425)

☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 $\square$  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act

Title of each class	Ticker Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common units	NS	New York Stock Exchange
8.50% Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprA	New York Stock Exchange
7.625% Series B Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprB	New York Stock Exchange
9.00% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units	NSprC	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\square$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 15, 2024, NuStar Energy L.P. ("NuStar") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that the board of directors of NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of its general partner, declared a special distribution of \$0.212 per NuStar common unit, subject to and conditioned upon holders of NuStar's common units approving its previously announced acquisition by Sunoco LP at NuStar's special meeting, which will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on May 1, 2024, and the merger agreement with respect to the proposed acquisition not having been terminated.

A copy of the Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release, dated as of April 15, 2024.
Exhibit 104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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#### Participants in the Solicitation

Sunoco, NuStar and the directors and certain executive officers of their respective general partners may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of NuStar's general partner is set forth in (i) NuStar's Definitive Proxy Statement/Prospectus for the transaction (https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1110805/000119312524086017/d464008ddefm14a.htm), which was filed with the SEC on April 3, 2024, including under the headings "Units Beneficially Owned by Directors and Executive Officers," "Recommendation of the NuStar Managing GP Board and Reasons for the Merger," 'Interests of NuStar Managing GP's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger," "Securities Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and "Sunoco GP Director," (ii) NuStar's proxy statement for its 2024 annual meeting of unitholders (https://www.sec.gov/ixviewer/ix.html? doe=/Archives/edgar/data/1110805/0001110805240000110/ns-20240306.htm), which was filed with the SEC on March 6, 2024, including under the sections entitled "Information About Our Executive Officers," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Summary Compensation Table," "Pay Ratio," "Grants of Plan-Based Awards," "Outstanding Equity Awards," "Option Exercises and Units Vested," "Pension Benefits," "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation," "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control," "Pay Versus Performance," "Director Compensation" and "Security Ownership," (iii) NuStar's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (https://www.sec.gov/ixviewer/ix.html?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/1110805/000111080524000007/ns-20231231.htm), which was filed with the SEC on February 22, 2024, including under the sections entitled "Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance," "Item 11. Executive Compensation," "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence" and (iv) subseque

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result of any revisions to any such forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NuStar Energy L.P.

Riverwalk Logistics, L.P. its general partner

NuStar GP, LLC

its general partner

Dated: April 15, 2024

By: Name:

/s/ Amy L. Perry
Amy L. Perry
Executive Vice President-Strategic Development and General Counsel Title:



# NuStar Energy L.P. Declares Conditional Special Distribution

April 15, 2024

SAN ANTONIO, April 15, 2024—NuStar Energy L.P. (NYSE: NS) today announced that the board of directors of NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of its general partner, has declared a special distribution of \$0.212 per NuStar Energy L.P. common unit (the "special distribution"), to be paid on May 2, 2024 to holders of record of NuStar Energy L.P. common units as of April 26, 2024. Payment of the special distribution is subject to and conditioned upon holders of NuStar Energy L.P.'s common units approving its previously announced acquisition by Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) at NuStar Energy L.P.'s special meeting, which will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on May 1, 2024, and the merger agreement with respect to the acquisition not having been terminated. If approval of the pending acquisition is not obtained at the special meeting (including due to the special meeting postponed, adjourned or canceled) or the merger agreement with respect to the acquisition is terminated, the special distribution will not be paid until a date, and to holders of record, later determined by the board of directors of NuStar GP, LLC, or it may not be paid at all. The details of the special meeting have been outlined in the definitive proxy statement filed by NuStar Energy L.P. on April 3, 2024 with the Securities and Exchange Commission and mailed to holders of common units entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting.

NuStar Energy L.P. is an independent liquids terminal and pipeline operator. NuStar Energy L.P. currently has approximately 9,500 miles of pipeline and 63 terminal and storage facilities that store and distribute crude oil, refined products, renewable fuels, ammonia and specialty liquids. The partnership's combined system has approximately 49 million barrels of storage capacity, and NuStar Energy L.P. has operations in the United States and Mexico. For more information, visit NuStar Energy L.P.'s website at www.nustarenergy.com and its Sustainability page at https://sustainability.nustarenergy.com/.

This release serves as qualified notice to nominees under Treasury Regulation Sections 1.1446-(4)(4) and (d) and 1.1446(f). Please note that 100% of NuStar Energy L.P.'s distributions to foreign investors are attributable to income that is effectively connected with a United States trade or business. 100% of the distribution is in excess of cumulative net income for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1446(f)-4(c)(2)(iii). Accordingly, all of NuStar Energy L.P.'s distributions to foreign investors are subject to federal income tax withholding at the highest effective tax rate for individuals and corporations, as applicable. Nominees, and not NuStar Energy L.P., are treated as the withholding agents responsible for withholding on the distributions received by them on behalf of foreign investors.

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