

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 9, 2011**

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**STAR GAS PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14129**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**06-1437793**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2187 Atlantic Street, Stamford, CT**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**06902**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 328-7310**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

December 9, 2011 - Star Gas Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), announced today that it has purchased 1,750,000 common units in a private transaction as part of the Partnership's unit repurchase program.

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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.

STAR GAS PARTNERS, L.P.  
By: Kestrel Heat, LLC (General Partner)

By:           /s/          Richard Ambury            
Name: Richard Ambury  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 9, 2011