BUCKEYE PARTNERS L P Form 8-K October 14, 2004

UNITED STATES 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): October 12, 2004

Buckeye Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9356

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

23-2432497

5002 Buckeye Road P.O. Box 368 Emmaus, PA

18049

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (484) 232-4000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 12, 2004, Buckeye Partners, L.P. (the Partnership) closed its previously announced offering of \$275 million aggregate principal amount of 5.300% senior unsecured notes due 2014. The notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of July 10, 2003, between the Partnership and SunTrust Bank, as trustee (the Trustee), as amended and supplemented by a Third Supplemental Indenture, dated October 12, 2004, between the Partnership and the Trustee (the Supplemental Indenture). The notes are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Act), pursuant to a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-116540). A copy of the Supplemental Indenture is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Additionally, on October 13, 2004, the Partnership entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., as representatives of the underwriters, that provides for the issuance and sale by the Partnership, and the purchase by the underwriters, of 5,500,000 limited partnership units of the Partnership. The underwriters have been granted an option to purchase up to 825,000 additional limited partnership units. The limited partnership units to be issued pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement are registered under the Act pursuant to a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-116540). The Partnership expects the transaction to close on Tuesday, October 19, 2004. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated October 13, 2004, among Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., as representatives of the underwriters, Buckeye Partners, L.P. and Buckeye Pipe Line Company LLC
- 4.1 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated October 12, 2004, between Buckeye Partners, L.P. and SunTrust Bank, as trustee

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SIGNATURE

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.

BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.

- By: Buckeye Pipe Line Company LLC, its General Partner
 - By: /s/ Stephen C. Muther

Stephen C. Muther Senior Vice President Administration, General Counsel and Secretary

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