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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRAY JONATHAN		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP, 345 PARK AVENUE			(Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2017	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City)	(State) (Zi	p) Table I	- Non-Dei	rivative Secu	ırities .	Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securities on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	posed o	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)
Common units representing limited partner interests	01/13/2017		A(1)	276,309	A	\$ 0	323,123	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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
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					Disposed						Trans
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

GRAY JONATHAN C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154

X

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as 01/13/2017 Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, these deferred restricted common units will vest ratably over a three-year period, with 92,103 units vesting on January 13, 2018, 92,103 units vesting on January 13, 2019, and 92,103 units vesting on January 13, 2020,

(1) subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with Blackstone. As these deferred restricted common units vest, the underlying common units will be delivered to the Reporting Person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the units may be delivered earlier upon a change in control of Blackstone.

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