

JAMES HAMILTON E
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMES HAMILTON E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP
L.P., 345 PARK AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/11/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10154

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 partnership interests	11/11/2009		C	V	4,500,000	A	\$ 0 (1) 4,500,000 (1) D
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽²⁾	<u>(2)</u>	08/12/2009		G ⁽³⁾	V 70,000	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	70,000
Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽²⁾	<u>(2)</u>	11/11/2009		C ⁽¹⁾	4,500,000	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	4,500,000
Blackstone Holdings partnership units ⁽²⁾	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership interests	7,700,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES HAMILTON E C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	X		President and COO	

Signatures

s:// Robert L. Friedman,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/13/2009

__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) Pursuant to an exchange agreement, the Reporting Person exchanged 4,500,000 Blackstone Holdings partnership units for an equal number of common units of The Blackstone Group L.P. and immediately thereafter sold such 4,500,000 common units.

A "Blackstone Holdings partnership unit" collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P. Subject to the minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone partnerships, the Reporting Person has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holding partnership unit for one common unit of The Blackstone Group L.P. The Blackstone Holdings partnership units have no expiration date and may not be exchanged at any time prior to December 31, 2009 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.
 - (2) The Reporting Person donated 70,000 Blackstone Holdings partnership units to a charitable foundation.

These Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in a trust, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children, of which the Reporting Person is a trustee with investment power. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Blackstone Holdings partnership units held in this trust.
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Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, the Reporting Person states that this filing shall not be

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