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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) May 5, 2005

Commission File Number: 1-14222

SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 22-3410353 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

240 Route 10 West
Whippany, New Jersey 07981
(973) 887-5300
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

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

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following information, including the exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On May 5, 2005, Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. issued a press release (the "Press Release") describing our Fiscal 2005 Second Quarter Financial Results. A copy of the Press Release has been furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

Within the Press Release, we reference certain non-GAAP financial measures including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"). Additionally, we discuss EBITDA, net income and net income per Common Unit, excluding the impact of unrealized (non-cash) gains and losses attributable to mark-to-market activity on derivative instruments recorded in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133 ("Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities"), as amended by SFAS Nos. 137, 138 and 149.

We provide these non-GAAP financial measures because we believe that they assist the investment community in properly assessing our liquidity on a year-over-year basis. In addition, we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and industry analysts that facilitates the comparison of cash flows between periods for purposes of evaluating our ability to meet our debt service obligations and to pay quarterly distributions. Moreover, certain of our debt agreements require us to use EBITDA as a component in calculating our leverage and interest coverage ratios. A reconciliation of EBITDA to cash flow provided by operating activities (the most comparable GAAP measure) is presented in the Press Release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. dated May 5, 2005 describing the Fiscal 2005 Second Quarter Financial Results.

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.

May 5, 2005

SUBURBAN PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: <u>/s/ Janice G. Sokol</u> Name: Janice G. Sokol

Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

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