

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC

Form 4

November 13, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gordon Larry J.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC
[HTLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

901 N. KANSAS AVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/11/2013

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/11/2013		A		498,465	A	<u>11</u> 498,465 ⁽²⁾

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)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gordon Larry J. 901 N. KANSAS AVE NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317	X

Signatures

/s/Larry J. Gordon, by Chris Strain, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to POA previously filed

11/13/2013

__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).

The reported securities and cash were received as consideration for 100% of the reporting person's stock in Gordon Trucking, Inc. ("GTI") in connection with the purchase of 100% of GTI's outstanding stock by Heartland Express, Inc., of Iowa ("HEIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the registrant. The number of shares of the registrant's common stock that the reporting person was entitled to

- (1) acquire was determined with reference to a \$14.37 per share value, which represents the average closing price of the registrant's common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market for the ten trading days ending on November 8, 2013. Based on the amount of cash and stock of the registrant paid or to be paid in connection with the purchase of 100% of GTI's outstanding stock, the GTI stock sold by the reporting person has a value of approximately \$142,500,000.

- (2) Pursuant to the terms of the definitive purchase agreement, the reporting person may receive additional shares (the "Escrow Shares") of the registrant's common stock upon the release of such shares from an escrow account established in connection with such purchase agreement. The Escrow Shares are held in the name of an escrow agent for the benefit of HEIA, and the reporting person's receipt of the Escrow Shares is subject to certain conditions provided in the definitive purchase agreement. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Escrow Shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such shares for Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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