## **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): March 11, 2015

## Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

43-1698480 001-11331 **Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) of incorporation) File Number)

7500 College Blvd., Suite 1000, Overland Park, Kansas

66210

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 913-661-1500

n/a

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

## Ferrellgas Partners Finance Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

333-06693 43-1742520 **Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

7500 College Blvd., Suite 1000, Overland Park, Kansas

66210

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 913-661-1500

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# Ferrellgas, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-50182 43-1698481 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

7500 College Blvd., Suite 1000, Overland Park, Kansas

66210 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 913-661-1500

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# Ferrellgas Finance Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

000-50183 14-1866671 **Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

7500 College Blvd., Suite 1000,

66210

Overland Park, Kansas (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 913-661-1500

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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 information included in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 11, 2015, Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the second fiscal quarter ended January 31, 2015. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 — Press release of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. dated March 11, 2015, reporting its financial results for the second fiscal quarter ended January 31, 2015.

Limitation on Materiality and Incorporation by Reference

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K related to Items 2.02 and 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 furnished herewith, is being furnished to the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 and Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and is not deemed to be "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18. In addition, such information is not to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., Ferrellgas Partners Finance Corp., Ferrellgas, L.P. or Ferrellgas Finance Corp. or other filings of such entities made pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, unless specifically identified as being incorporated therein by reference.

The furnishing of particular information in this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 furnished herewith, pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., Ferrellgas Partners Finance Corp., Ferrellgas, L.P. or Ferrellgas Finance Corp. as to the materiality or completeness of any such information that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD of the Exchange Act.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FERRELLGAS PARTNERS, L.P. By Ferrellgas, Inc. (General Partner)

Date: March 11, 2015

By /s/ Alan C. Heitmann

Alan C. Heitmann

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

FERRELLGAS PARTNERS FINANCE CORP.

Date: March 11, 2015

By /s/ Alan C. Heitmann

Alan C. Heitmann

Chief Financial Officer and Sole Director

FERRELLGAS, L.P.

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# FERRELLGAS PARTNERS POSTS RECORD SECOND QUARTER ADJUSTED EBITDA, IN SPITE OF WARMER-THAN-NORMAL TEMPERATURES; REAFFIRMS GUIDANCE FOR FISCAL 2015 ADJUSTED EBITDA

OVERLAND PARK, KAN., March 11, 2015 (GLOBENEWSWIRE) — Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. (NYSE:FGP) today reported strong results for fiscal 2015's second quarter ended January 31, 2015, despite temperatures being 9% warmer than a year ago and 4% warmer than normal.

For the second year in a row, the company posted record-setting adjusted EBITDA in its second quarter, with this year's figure reaching \$136.9 million. Distributable cash flow (DCF) to equity investors in the quarter was \$110.3 million, producing DCF coverage of 1.16 x. During the last 12 months, the partnership generated \$27 million of excess cash flow to fund organic and acquisitive growth. Net earnings for the second quarter climbed 41% to \$86.4 million, or \$1.02 per common unit, from \$61.1 million, or \$0.76 per common unit primarily due to a loss of \$20.9 million for extinguishment of debt in the prior year period that was not repeated.

"We're quite pleased with our second-quarter results," commented President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Wambold. "Improved propane margins and lower expenses in our retail operations more than offset the negative effects of Mother Nature and the effect lower commodity costs had on our midstream operations. We're seeing the strategic initiatives we've undertaken over the last three years targeting operational discipline and flexibility having their desired effect in our propane operations. We were also buoyed by Blue Rhino's continued positive momentum."

Further, the partnership reiterated its full-year adjusted EBITDA guidance of \$300 million to \$320 million. Driven by widespread cold temperatures in February and early March and ongoing cost discipline, Ferrellgas posted strong February results. "We're off to a strong start to our third quarter," continued

Wambold, "and we are optimistic about an extended heating season and its impact on demand."

While retail propane sales, adversely affected by warmer weather, declined to 216 million gallons from 247 million gallons the year before, margins significantly improved as the cost of propane decreased dramatically from prior year.

Blue Rhino's performance exceeded expectations in the second quarter with record volume, up 3% over year-ago levels, and solid same-store gains registered across convenience, drug, grocery and hardware stores.

Operating expense of \$107.1 million was down more than 8% from the year-ago level, benefiting from both the lower cost of fuel and the operational ability to flex our expenses down in warmer periods. General and administrative expense declined 12% to \$10.6 million. Interest expense was up 10% to \$24.4 million, primarily attributable to merger and acquisition activity.

"The acquisition environment remains attractive," Wambold said. "and our pipeline has grown significantly in recent weeks. We remain committed to achieving our diversification strategy through accretive, complementary acquisitions, and we are aggressively but deliberately pursuing some excellent opportunities that fit our model."

For the first half of fiscal 2015, Adjusted EBITDA improved 5% to \$171.3 million. Operating expense declined 4% to \$210 million, while general and administrative expense decreased 6% to \$21.5 million. Net earnings climbed to \$53.2 million, or \$0.63 per unit, from \$36.1 million, or \$0.45 per unit, the year before.

Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., through its operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P., and subsidiaries, serves propane customers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and provides midstream services to major energy companies in the United States. Ferrellgas employees indirectly own 22.8 million, or 27.5% of the outstanding common units of the partnership, through an employee stock ownership plan. Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. filed a Form

10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 2014. Investors can request a hard copy of this filling free of charge and obtain more information about the partnership online at www.ferrellgas.com.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements that management believes to be reasonable as of today's date only. Actual results may differ significantly because of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond management's control. You should read the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for a more extensive list of factors that could affect results. Among them are adverse weather conditions, cost volatility and availability of propane, increased customer conservation measures, the capacity to transport propane to our market areas, and the impact of pending and future legal proceedings, political, economic and regulatory conditions in the U.S. and abroad. The Partnership undertakes no obligation to release revisions to its forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after today.

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# FERRELLGAS PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

## FOR THE THREE, SIX AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2015 AND 2014

(in thousands, except per unit data) (unaudited)

		nths ended ary 31		Six mon Janu				Twelve mo Janus		
	2015	2014		2015	ary 31	2014		2015	ary 31	2014
Revenues:										
Propane and other gas liquids sales	\$ 560,867	\$ 789,446	\$	955,228	\$	1,171,669	\$	1,930,902	\$	1,992,581
Other	105,106	80,237		154,100	_	113,044	_	299,573	_	245,825
Total revenues	665,973	869,683		1,109,328		1,284,713		2,230,475		2,238,406
Cost of product sold:										
Propane and other gas liquids sales	330,692	551,506		595,506		810,260		1,241,634		1,312,628
Other	70,290	48,709		94,150		62,055		190,247		149,877
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Gross profit	264,991	269,468		419,672		412,398		798,594		775,901
Operating expense (including \$(4,500), \$(6,300) and \$(1,300) of change in fair value of contingent consideration for the three, six and twelve month period ended January 31,										
2015)	107,147	116,743		210,030		219,709		436,514		427,735
Depreciation and amortization expense	23,943	20,643		47,252		40,858		90,596		82,576
General and administrative expense	10,621	12,095		21,449		22,876		44,556		45,939
Equipment lease expense	5,795	4,274		11,327		8,340		20,732		16,573
Non-cash employee stock ownership plan	2.700	2.626		0.163		( (70		22 272		12 500
compensation charge	3,788 318	3,636 5,919		8,162		6,679 10,350		23,272 30,588		12,599 17,683
Non-cash stock-based compensation charge (a) Loss on disposal of assets	1,414	1,337		16,430 2,375		1,694		7,167		9,724
Loss on disposar of assets	1,414	1,337		2,373	_	1,074	_	7,107		7,724
Operating income	111,965	104,821		102,647		101,892		145,169		163,072
Interest expense	(24,375)	(22,090)		(48,287)		(44,183)		(90,606)		(88,274)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(= i,5 / 5)	(20,901)				(21,202)		_		(21,202)
Other income (expense), net	(178)	57		(627)		273		(1,379)		506
Earnings before income taxes	87,412	61,887		53,733		36,780		53,184		54,102
Income tax expense	1,041	764		531		714		2,333		1,916
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Net earnings	86,371	61,123		53,202		36,066		50,851		52,186
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling										
interest (b)	913	659		619		445		678		688
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Net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.	85,458	60,464		52,583		35,621		50,173		51,498
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Less: General partner's interest in net earnings	11,955	3,663	_	526		356		502		515
Common unitholders' interest in net earnings	\$ 73,503	\$ 56,801	\$	52,057	\$	35,265	\$	49,671	\$	50,983
Earnings Per Unit  Basic and diluted net earnings per common	¢ 0.00	¢ 0.72	¢	0.62	ø	0.45	ø	0.61	¢.	0.64
unitholders' interest Dilutive effect of two-class method (c)	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.72	\$	0.63	\$	0.45	\$	0.61	\$	0.64
Adjusted net earnings per unit available to	0.13	0.04			_		_	<u> </u>	_	
common unitholders	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.76	\$	0.63	\$	0.45	\$	0.61	\$	0.64
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Weighted average common units outstanding	82,716.9	79,129.4		82,448.3		79,102.6		81,337.7		79,083.1

## Supplemental Data and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Items:

	Three months ended January 31			Six months ended January 31					Twelve months ended January 31			
	2015		_	2014		2015	2014		2015		2014	
Net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.	\$	85,458	\$	60,464	\$	52,583	\$	35,621	\$	50,173	\$	51,498

Income tax expense	1,041	764	531	714	2,333	1,916
Interest expense	24,375	22,090	48,287	44,183	90,606	88,274
Depreciation and amortization expense	23,943	20,643	47,252	40,858	90,596	82,576
EBITDA	134,817	103,961	148,653	121,376	233,708	224,264
Loss on extinguishment of debt	· —	20,901		21,202		21,202
Non-cash employee stock ownership plan compensation						
charge	3,788	3,636	8,162	6,679	23,272	12,599
Non-cash stock based compensation charge (a)	318	5,919	16,430	10,350	30,588	17,683
Loss on disposal of assets	1,414	1,337	2,375	1,694	7,167	9,724
Other income (expense), net	178	(57)	627	(273)	1,379	(506)
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	(4,500)	_	(6,300)	_	(1,300)	_
Litigation accrual and related legal fees associated with a						
class action lawsuit			723	1,325	1,147	1,668
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest (b)	913	659	619	445	678	688
Adjusted EBITDA (d)	136,928	136,356	171,289	162,798	296,639	287,322
Net cash interest expense (e)	(23,287)	(20,980)	(46,177)	(41,566)	(88,297)	(82,863)
Maintenance capital expenditures (f)	(4,624)	(4,446)	(9,712)	(8,583)	(18,802)	(16,123)
Cash paid for taxes	(6)	(178)	(266)	(178)	(904)	(683)
Proceeds from asset sales	1,312	1,165	2,729	2,482	4,771	6,299
Distributable cash flow to equity investors (g)	110,323	111,917	117,863	114,953	193,407	193,952
Distributable cash flow attributable to general partner and						
non-controlling interest	2,206	2,238	2,357	2,299	3,868	3,879
Distributable cash flow attributable to common unitholders	108,117	109,679	115,506	112,654	189,539	190,073
Less: Distributions paid to common unitholders	41,359	39,573	82,715	79,109	162,922	158,179
Distributable cash flow excess/(shortage)	\$ 66,758	\$ 70,106	\$ 32,791	\$ 33,545	\$ 26,617	\$ 31,894
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Propane gallons sales						
Retail - Sales to End Users	215,996	246,929	340,143	372,181	619,320	663,425
Wholesale - Sales to Resellers	81,310	95,922	143,245	161,701	276,756	293,865
Total propane gallons sales	297,306	342,851	483,388	533,882	896,076	957,290
Midstream operations (barrels processed)	4,722	_	8,719		11,219	_

(a) Non-cash stock-based compensation charges consist of the following:

	Three months ended January 31			Six months ended January 31					Twelve months ended January 31				
	2015		2014		2015		2014		2015		2014		
Operating expense	\$ 67	\$	1,539	\$	3,612	\$	2,337	\$	6,610	\$	3,424		
General and administrative expense	251		4,380		12,818		8,013		23,978		14,259		
Total	\$ 318	\$	5,919	\$	16,430	\$	10,350	\$	30,588	\$	17,683		

- (b) Amounts allocated to the general partner for its 1.0101% interest in the operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P.
- (c) FASB guidance regarding participating securities and the two-class method requires the calculation of net earnings per common unitholders' interest for each period presented according to distributions declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings, as if all of the earnings or loss for the period had been distributed. In periods with undistributed earnings above certain levels, the calculation according to the two-class method results in an increased allocation of undistributed earnings to the general partner and a dilution of the earnings to the limited partners. Due to the seasonality of the propane business, the dilution effect of the guidance on the two-class method typically impacts only the three months ending January 31. This guidance did not result in a dilutive effect for the six and twelve months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014.
- (d) Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., income tax expense, interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, loss on extinguishment of debt, non-cash employee stock ownership plan compensation charge, non-cash stock-based compensation charge, loss on disposal of assets, other income (expense), net, change in fair value of contingent consideration, litigation accrual and related legal fees associated with a class action lawsuit and net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest. Management believes the presentation of this measure is relevant and useful, because it allows investors to view the partnership's performance in a manner similar to the method management uses, adjusted for items management believes makes it easier to compare its results with other companies that have different financing and capital structures. This method of calculating Adjusted EBITDA may not be consistent with that of other companies and should be viewed in conjunction with measurements that are computed in accordance with GAAP.
- (e) Net cash interest expense is the sum of interest expense less non-cash interest expense and other income (expense), net. This amount includes interest expense related to the accounts receivable securitization facility.
- (f) Maintenance capital expenditures include capitalized expenditures for betterment and replacement of property, plant and equipment.
- (g) Management considers distributable cash flow to equity investors a meaningful non-GAAP measure of the partnership's ability to declare and pay quarterly distributions to equity investors. Distributable cash flow to equity investors, as management defines it, may not be comparable to distributable cash flow to equity investors or similarly titled measurements used by other corporations and partnerships. Items added into our calculation of distributable cash flow to equity investors that will not occur on a continuing basis may have associated cash payments. Distributable cash flow to equity investors may not be consistent with that of other companies and should be viewed in conjunction with measurements that are computed in accordance with GAAP.

	Jai	nuary 31, 2015		July 31, 2014
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,356	\$	8,289
Accounts and notes receivable, net (including \$256,112 and \$159,003 of accounts receivable pledged as				
collateral at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014, respectively)		273,645		178,602
Inventories		132,273		145,969
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		66,615		32,071
Total Current Assets		484,889		364,931
Property, plant and equipment, net		611,008		611,787
Goodwill		285,617		273,210
Intangible assets, net		308,132		276,171
Other assets, net		57,391		46,171
Total Assets	\$	1,747,037	\$	1,572,270
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LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	101,191	\$	69,360
Short-term borrowings		67,431		69,519
Collateralized note payable		175,000		91,000
Other current liabilities		147,627		125,161
Total Current Liabilities		491,249		355,040
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Long-term debt (a) Other liabilities		1,343,463 40,360		1,292,214 36,662
Contingencies and commitments		40,300		30,002
Contingencies and communents				
Partners' Deficit:				
Common unitholders (82,717,620 and 81,228,237 units outstanding at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014,				
respectively)		(22,412)		(57,893
General partner unitholder (835,532 and 820,487 units outstanding at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014,				
respectively)		(60,295)		(60,654
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(45,883)		6,181
Total Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. Partners' Deficit		(128,590)		(112,366
Noncontrolling Interest		555		720
Total Partners' Deficit	_	(128,035)		(111,646
Total Liabilities and Partners' Deficit	\$	1,747,037	\$	1,572,270

January 31, 2015

July 31, 2014

<sup>(</sup>a) The principal difference between the Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. balance sheet and that of Ferrellgas, L.P., is \$182 million of 8.625% notes which are liabilities of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. and not of Ferrellgas, L.P.