# **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): June 9, 2015

## Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-11331 43-1698480 **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

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** (Address of principal executive offices)

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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 (Address of principal executive offices)

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(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 (I.R.S. Employer (Commission 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 June 9, 2015, Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third fiscal quarter ended April 30, 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 June 9, 2015, reporting its financial results for the third fiscal quarter ended April 30, 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: June 9, 2015

By <u>/s/ Alan C. Heitmann</u>

Alan C. Heitmann

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

FERRELLGAS PARTNERS FINANCE CORP.

Date: June 9, 2015

By /s/ Alan C. Heitmann

Alan C. Heitmann

Chief Financial Officer and Sole Director

FERRELLGAS, L.P.

By Ferrellgas, Inc. (General Partner)

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#### FERRELLGAS PARTNERS REPORTS THIRD QUARTER RESULTS; REAFFIRMS GUIDANCE FOR FISCAL 2015 ADJUSTED EBITDA

OVERLAND PARK, KAN., June 09, 2015 (GLOBENEWSWIRE) — Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. (NYSE:FGP) announced today Adjusted EBITDA of \$96.3 million for fiscal 2015's third quarter ended April 30, down 4% from the \$99.8 million in the prior year quarter reflecting temperatures that were 6% warmer than prior year quarter. Distributable Cash Flow (DCF) to equity investors in the quarter was \$70.0 million producing DCF coverage of 1.12x for the trailing twelve month period.

Propane margin cents per gallon benefited from wholesale commodity prices that were 54% lower than the prior year. Operating expense of \$106.9 million was down more than 6% from the year-ago level, driven primarily by the company's ability to flex down our variable delivery costs, including personnel and fuel cost, which more than offset additional operating expenses associated with our midstream acquisition in May of 2014. Strong margin cents per gallon and lower operating expenses helped minimize the effect of warmer temperatures in the more highly concentrated geographic areas we serve.

"We are pleased with our third quarter results given the challenges presented by the warmer weather" said President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen L. Wambold. "Strong propane margins, operational flexibility, and a continued focus on expense discipline in our retail operations are continuing to offset the effect of the warmer temperatures, and as such we are comfortable reaffirming our full-year adjusted EBITDA guidance of \$300 million to \$320 million."

Ferrellgas recently announced the acquisition of Bridger Logistics, LLC for \$837.5 million. The Bridger transaction, scheduled to close in our fourth quarter 2015, is expected to be immediately accretive to DCF, supportive of distribution growth, and pushes the company to its

near-term diversification goal. In addition to that achievement, Ferrellgas remains dedicated to the aggressive pursuit of accretive, complementary acquisitions in both the traditional propane space and midstream.

"We've made smart business decisions over the last few years and put ourselves in position to move boldly and decisively on the acquisition front," Wambold said. "Our acquisition pipeline is strong and keeps getting stronger, and we remain committed to exploring a wide range of opportunities that fit our model and our culture."

For the first nine months ended April 30 of fiscal 2015, Adjusted EBITDA improved to \$267.6 million, up from \$262.6 million posted in the first nine months of the prior fiscal year. Similar to our quarterly results, strong margin cents per gallon and operating expense declines offset temperatures that were 8% warmer than the fiscal 2014 period. Net earnings were \$89.4 million or \$1.06 per unit for the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

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 common units of the partnership, or 25.6% of the outstanding units, 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 filing free of charge and obtain more information about the partnership online at www.ferrellgas.com.

Statements in this release concerning expectations for the future are forward-looking statements. A variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors could cause results, performance and expectations to differ materially from anticipated results, performance and expectations. These risks, uncertainties and other factors are discussed in the Form 10-K of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., Ferrellgas Partners Finance Corp., Ferrellgas, L.P., and Ferrellgas

Finance Corp. for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014 and in other documents filed from time to time by these entities with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

		Three moi Apr		ıded			Nine months ended April 30			Twelve months ended April 30			
		2015		2014		2015		2014		2015		2014	
Revenues:	Φ.	445.005	ф	CDE 44E	Φ.	4 400 005	Φ.	4 500 500		4 554 450		2 400 200	
Propane and other gas liquids sales	\$	445,667	\$	625,117	\$	1,400,895	\$	1,796,786	\$	1,751,452	\$	2,109,290	
Other		86,884		97,000		240,984		210,044		289,457		248,213	
Total revenues		532,551		722,117		1,641,879		2,006,830		2,040,909		2,357,503	
Cost of product sold:													
Propane and other gas liquids sales		253,684		422,256		849,190		1,232,516		1,073,062		1,421,677	
Other		59,586		69,388		153,736		131,443		180,445		152,551	
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Gross profit		219,281		230,473		638,953		642,871		787,402		783,275	
Operating expense		106,883		113,923		316,913		333,632		429,474		434,470	
Depreciation and amortization expense		23,324		20,913		70,576		61,771		93,007		82,593	
General and administrative expense		8,252		12,194		29,701		35,070		40,614		44,701	
Equipment lease expense		6,347		4,638		17,674		12,978		22,441		17,113	
Non-cash employee stock ownership plan		0,547		7,050		17,074		12,570		22,771		17,113	
compensation charge		8,566		3,710		16,728		10,389		28,128		13,485	
Non-cash stock-based compensation		0,500		5,710		10,720		10,505		20,120		15,465	
charge (a)		3,271		5,832		19,701		16,182		28,027		21,293	
Loss on disposal of assets		2,203		1,732		4,578		3,426		7,638		8,119	
Loss on disposar of disects		2,203		1,732		4,570		5,420		7,000		0,115	
Operating income		60,435		67,531		163,082		169,423		138,073		161,501	
Interest expense		(23,510)		(20,189)		(71,797)		(64,372)		(93,927)		(86,379)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(23,510)		(20,105)		(,1,,5,,		(21,202)		(55,527)		(21,202)	
Other income (expense), net		212		225		(415)		498		(1,392)		546	
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Earnings before income taxes		37,137		47,567		90,870		84,347		42,754		54,466	
Income tax expense		917		1,677		1,448		2,391		1,573		1,570	
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Net earnings		36,220		45,890		89,422		81,956		41,181		52,896	
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling													
interest (b)		408		505		1,027		950		581		694	
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Net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas		35,812		45,385		88,395		81,006		40,600		E2 202	
Partners, L.P.		35,812		45,385		88,395		81,006		40,600		52,202	
Less: General partner's interest in net													
earnings		358		454		884		810		406		522	
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Common unitholders' interest in net	ď	25 454	ď	44.021	φ	07 511	¢	00.100	ď	40 104	ď	E1 C00	
earnings	\$	35,454	\$	44,931	\$	87,511	\$	80,196	\$	40,194	\$	51,680	
Earnings Per Unit													
Basic and diluted net earnings per													
common unitholders' interest	\$	0.43	\$	0.57	\$	1.06	\$	1.01	\$	0.49	\$	0.65	
Weighted average common units													
outstanding		82,717.6		79,177.8		82,536.1		79,127.1		82,200.8		79,113.2	
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## **Supplemental Data and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Items:**

	Three months ended April 30				Nine months ended April 30			Twelve months ended April 30				
		2015		2014	_	2015		2014	_	2015		2014
Net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas												
Partners, L.P.	\$	35,812	\$	45,385	\$	88,395	\$	81,006	\$	40,600	\$	52,202
Income tax expense		917		1,677		1,448		2,391		1,573		1,570
Interest expense		23,510		20,189		71,797		64,372		93,927		86,379
Depreciation and amortization expense		23,324		20,913		70,576		61,771		93,007		82,593
EBITDA		83,563		88,164		232,216		209,540		229,107		222,744
Loss on extinguishment of debt		_		_		_		21,202		_		21,202
Non-cash employee stock ownership												
plan compensation charge		8,566		3,710		16,728		10,389		28,128		13,485
Non-cash stock based compensation												
charge (a)		3,271		5,832		19,701		16,182		28,027		21,293

Loss on disposal of assets	2,203	1,732	4,578	3,426	7,638	8,119
Other income (expense), net	(212)	(225)	415	(498)	1,392	(546)
Change in fair value of contingent	· í	· í		· · ·		Ì
consideration (included in operating						
expense)	_	_	(6,300)	_	(1,300)	_
Litigation accrual and related legal fees						
associated with a class action lawsuit						
(included in operating expense)	83	97	806	1,422	1,133	1,652
Unrealized (non-cash) gain on changes						
in fair value of derivatives not						
designated as hedging instruments	(1,609)	_	(1,609)	_	(1,609)	_
Net earnings attributable to						
noncontrolling interest (b)	408	505	1,027	950	581	694
Adjusted EBITDA (c)	96,273	99,815	267,562	262,613	293,097	288,643
Net cash interest expense (d)	(22,422)	(19,941)	(68,599)	(61,507)	(90,778)	(82,173)
Maintenance capital expenditures (e)	(5,151)	(4,762)	(14,863)	(13,345)	(19,191)	(17,419)
Cash paid for taxes	(67)	(225)	(333)	(403)	(746)	(865)
Proceeds from asset sales	1,331	785	4,060	3,267	5,317	5,234
Distributable cash flow to equity						
investors (f)	69,964	75,672	187,827	190,625	187,699	193,420
Distributable cash flow attributable to						
general partner and non-controlling						
interest	1,400	1,513	3,757	3,813	3,754	3,868
Distributable cash flow attributable to						
common unitholders	68,564	74,159	184,070	186,812	183,945	189,552
Less: Distributions paid to common						
unitholders	41,359	39,594	124,074	118,702	164,688	158,237
Distributable cash flow						
excess/(shortage)	\$ 27,205	\$ 34,565	\$ 59,996	\$ 68,110	\$ 19,257	\$ 31,315
Propane gallons sales						
Retail - Sales to End Users	178,583	185,961	518,726	558,142	611,942	653,377
Wholesale - Sales to Resellers	67,823	71,963	211,068	233,664	272,616	294,715
Total propane gallons sales	246,406	257,924	729,794	791,806	884,558	948,092
Midstream operations (barrels						
processed)	4,515	_	13,234		15,734	_

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

	Three months ended April 30				Nine months ended April 30				Twelve months ended April 30			
		2015 2014			2015 2014				2015	2014		
Operating expense	\$	621	\$	1,166	\$ 4,233	\$	3,503	\$	6,065	\$	4,168	
General and administrative expense		2,650		4,666	15,468		12,679		21,962		17,125	
Total	\$	3,271	\$	5,832	\$ 19,701	\$	16,182	\$	28,027	\$	21,293	

(b) Amounts allocated to the general partner for its 1.0101% interest in the operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P.

- (c) 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, unrealized (non-cash) gain on changes in fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Maintenance capital expenditures include capitalized expenditures for betterment and replacement of property, plant and equipment.
- (f) 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.

The following table includes a reconciliation of forecasted net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. to forecasted Adjusted EBITDA for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2015.

	F	Forecast Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2015
Net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. (estimate) (g)	\$	70,500
Interest expense (estimate)		95,000
Income tax expense (estimate)		1,500
Depreciation and amortization expense (estimate)		93,000

Non-cash employee stock ownership plan compensation charge (estimate)	25,000
Non-cash stock based compensation charge (estimate)	24,000
Loss on disposal of assets (estimate)	6,400
Change in fair value of contingent consideration (included in operating expense) (estimate)	(6,300)
Litigation accrual and related legal fees associated with a class action lawsuit (estimate)	900
Adjusted EBITDA (h)	\$ 310,000

- (g) Represents estimated net earnings attributable to Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. after adjusting for change in fair value of gains and losses on commodity and interest rate derivative instruments not associated with current-period transactions. It is impracticable to determine actual gains and losses on these instruments not associated with current-period transactions that will be reported in GAAP net income as such gains and losses will depend upon future changes in commodity prices and interest rates which cannot be forecasted.
- (h) Represents the midpoint of Adjusted EBITDA guidance range for fiscal 2015.

# FERRELLGAS PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except unit data) (unaudited)

		pril 30, 2015	July 31, 2014		
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,409	\$	8,289	
Accounts and notes receivable, net (including \$182,305 and \$159,003 of accounts receivable pledged as	Ψ	7,105	Ψ	0,205	
collateral at April 30, 2015 and July 31, 2014, respectively)		189,569		178,602	
Inventories		98,636		145,969	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		45,406		32,071	
Total Current Assets		341,020	_	364,931	
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Property, plant and equipment, net		614,287		611,787	
Goodwill		285,436		273,210	
Intangible assets, net		300,663		276,171	
Other assets, net		51,451		46,171	
Total Assets	\$	1,592,857	\$	1,572,270	
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LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	54,164	\$	69,360	
Short-term borrowings		_		69,519	
Collateralized note payable		117,000		91,000	
Other current liabilities		146,198		125,161	
Total Current Liabilities		317,362		355,040	
Long-term debt (a)		1,344,392		1,292,214	
Other liabilities		34,458		36,662	
Contingencies and commitments		54,450		30,002	
Partners' Deficit:					
Common unitholders (82,717,620 and 81,228,237 units outstanding at April 30, 2015 and July 31, 2014,					
respectively)		(16,717)		(57,893)	
General partner unitholder (835,532 and 820,487 units outstanding at April 30, 2015 and July 31, 2014,					
respectively)		(60,238)		(60,654)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(27,247)		6,181	
Total Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. Partners' Deficit		(104,202)		(112,366)	
Noncontrolling Interest		847		720	
Total Partners' Deficit		(103,355)		(111,646)	
Total Liabilities and Partners' Deficit	\$	1,592,857	\$	1,572,270	

<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.