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 27, 2004

Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.
Ferrellgas Partners Finance Corp.
Ferrellgas, L.P.
Ferrellgas Finance Corp.

(Exact name of registrants as specified in their charters)

Delaware 001-11331 43-1698480 Delaware 333-06693 43-1742520 Delaware 000-50182 43-1698481 Delaware 000-50183 14-1866671 -----(States or other Commission file (I.R.S. Employer jurisdictions of numbers Identification Nos.) incorporation or organization)

One Liberty Plaza, Liberty, Missouri 64068

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (816) 792-1600

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS (c) The following material is furnished as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. dated May 27,

2004, reporting its financial results for the third quarter ended April 30, 2004.

ended April 30, 2004.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On May 27, 2004, Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended April 30, 2004. A copy of this earnings press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Limitation on Incorporation by Reference and Materiality

The information, including the exhibit furnished herewith, in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished to the SEC and is not to be deemed "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18. In addition, the information in this Current Report 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 the information in this Current Report, including the exhibit furnished herewith, 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.

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: May 27, 2004 By /s/ Kevin T. Kelly

Kevin T. Kelly Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

FERRELLGAS PARTNERS FINANCE CORP.

Date: May 27, 2004 By /s/ Kevin T. Kelly

Date: May 27, 2004

Kevin T. Kelly Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

FERRELLGAS, L.P.

By Ferrellgas, Inc. (General Partner)

By /s/ Kevin T. Kelly

Kevin T. Kelly Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

FERRELLGAS FINANCE CORP.

Date: May 27, 2004 By /s/ Kevin T. Kelly

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> Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. Reports Third Quarter Results

Liberty, MO (May 27, 2004)--Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. (NYSE:FGP), one of the nation's largest retail marketers of propane, today reported earnings for the third quarter of fiscal year 2004. The third quarter covers the three-month period ended April 30, 2004.

During the quarter, the partnership announced the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Blue Rhino. Blue Rhino is the nation's leading provider of branded propane tank exchange service as well as leading supplier of complimentary propane and non-propane products. Its tank exchange service is offered at more than 30,000 retail locations in 49 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands through leading home improvement centers, mass merchants, hardware, grocery and convenience stores. The partnership completed the transaction on April 21, 2004, near the beginning of the propane grilling and tank exchange season.

Retail propane sales for the third quarter were 249 million gallons, compared to near-record retail propane sales of 251 million gallons in the previous fiscal year's quarter, as retail gallon growth from acquisitions was offset by the impact from warmer than normal winter heating season temperatures and customer conservation that resulted from historically high wholesale propane costs. For the third quarter, national temperatures were 7 percent warmer than normal and 9 percent warmer than the prior fiscal year's quarter, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Gross profit for the quarter was \$155.8 million, compared to record gross profit results of \$161.4 million reported in the third quarter of fiscal 2003. This quarter's gross profit results reflect a smaller contribution from risk management activities and a slight reduction in the record-setting margins achieved during the same quarter last fiscal year when wholesale propane costs declined during the quarter.

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Operating and general and administrative expenses for the quarter were \$80.9 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, compared to \$79.1 million and \$7.2 million in the prior year's quarter. Reductions in operating expense this quarter were offset by increases related to acquisitions made during the fiscal year. Equipment lease expense for the third quarter was \$5.0 million, essentially unchanged compared to the prior fiscal year's quarter.

Adjusted EBITDA and net earnings for the third quarter were \$62.0 million and \$27.9 million, respectively, compared to a record-setting \$70.1 million and \$39.4 million achieved during the prior fiscal year's quarter.

"We have been able to effectively manage our business through a challenging environment this fiscal year, remaining focused on the long-term growth of the company and the security in distributions to our common unitholders, yet aware of the impact that high energy costs have on our customer base," said James E. Ferrell, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "As we move into the summer months, we are excited about the positive cash flow contribution we anticipate coming from the recently acquired Blue Rhino tank exchange operations, as these operations have historically produced more than half of their annual cash flow during our fiscal fourth quarter."

For the nine-months ended April 30, 2004, retail propane sales volumes and gross profit were 744 million gallons and \$446.9 million, respectively, and operating and general and administrative expenses were \$233.1 million and \$23.8 million, respectively. Equipment lease expense for the nine-month period was \$14.3 million. Adjusted EBITDA and net earnings for the nine-month period were \$175.7 million and \$76.3 million, respectively.

Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., through its operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P., currently serves more than one million customers in 49 states. Ferrellgas employees indirectly own approximately 18 million common units of the partnership through an employee stock ownership plan.

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 partnership's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2003 and other documents filed from time to time by the partnership with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

ASSETS	April 30, 2004	July 31, 2003
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,027	\$ 11,154
Accounts and notes receivable, net	\$ 21,027 147,211 78,871	56,742
Inventories	78,871	69,077
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,942 	8,306
Total Current Assets	260,051	
Property, plant and equipment, net	784,800	684,917
Goodwill	212,341	124, 190
Intangible assets, net	317,210	98,157
Other assets	317,210 14,608	8,853
Total Assets	\$1,589,010 ===========	\$1,061,396
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 94,314	\$ 59,454
Other current liabilities	\$ 94,314 82,572	89,687
Total Current Liabilities	176,886	149,141
Long-term debt (a)	1,113,762	888,226
Other liabilities	21,216	18,747
Contingencies and commitments	· -	· <u>-</u>
Minority interest	5,051	2,363
Partners' Capital: Senior unitholder (1,994,146 units outstanding at both April 2004		
and July 2003 - liquidation preference \$79,766 at both April 2004 and July 2003)	79,766	79,766
Common unitholders (48,771,875 and 37,673,455 units outstanding at April 2004 and July 2003, respectively)	250,767	(15,602)
General partner unitholder (512,788 and 400,683 units outstanding	(50.047)	(50, 077)
at April 2004 and July 2003, respectively)	(56,647)	(59,277)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,791)	(1,968)
Total Partners' Capital	(56,647) (1,791) 	2,919
Total Liabilities and Partners' Capital	\$ 1,589,010 ========	\$ 1,001,390

⁽a) The principal difference between the Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. balance sheet and that of Ferrellgas, L.P., is \$218 million of 8 3/4% notes, which are liabilities of Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. and not of Ferrellgas, L.P.

FERRELLGAS PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2004 AND 2003 (in thousands, except per unit data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended April 30		Nine months ended April 30	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Revenues:				
Propane and other gas liquids sales Other	\$ 368,264 21,883	\$ 351,338 18,027	\$1,057,751 69,591	\$ 985,539 64,606
Total revenues	390,147			1,050,145
Cost of product sold	234,331	207,934	680,479	586,324
Gross profit	155,816	161,431	446,863	463,821
Operating expense Depreciation and amortization expense General and administrative expense Equipment lease expense Employee stock ownership plan compensation chan Loss on disposal of assets and other	80,858 13,270 7,888 5,029 rge 2,042 925	79,121 10,563 7,202 4,990 1,619 1,985	233,141 37,130 23,761 14,272 5,990 4,477	•
Operating income	45,804	55,951	128,092	159,069
Interest expense Interest income Early extinguishment of debt expense (a)	(17,998) 459 -	(16,548) 424 -	(52,083) 1,260	(47,328) 850 (7,052)
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	28, 265	39,827	77,269	105,539
Income taxes Minority interest (b)	17 336	- 454	17 931	- 1,276
Earnings before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	27,912	39,373	76,321	104,263
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of minority interest of \$28 (c)	-	-	-	(2,754)
Net earnings	27,912	39,373	76,321	101,509
Distribution to senior unitholder Net earnings available to general partner	1,994 259	2,775 366	5,982 703	
Net earnings available to common unitholders	\$ 25,659		\$ 69,636	
Basic earnings per common unit: Earnings before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (d) Net earnings available to common unitholders	\$ 0.63 \$ 0.63	\$ 1.00 \$ 1.00	\$ 1.78 \$ 1.78	\$ 2.62 \$ 2.55
Weighted average common units outstanding	40,664.1	36,197.3	39,128.4	36,142.5

Supplemental Data and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Item:

	Three months ended April 30		Nine months ended April 30	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Retail gallons	249,424	250,620	743,763	783,034
Net earnings Income taxes Interest expense Depreciation and amortization expense Interest income	\$27,912 17 17,998 13,270 (459)	\$39,373 - 16,548 10,563 (424)	17	\$101,509 - 47,328 30,719 (850)
EBITDA Employee stock ownership plan compensation charge Loss on disposal of assets and other Minority interest (b) Early extinguishment of debt expense (a)	\$58,738 2,042 925 336 -	\$66,060 1,619 1,985 454	\$164,291 5,990 4,477 931 -	\$178,706 4,653 3,781 1,276 7,052

principle (c)	-	-	-	2,754
Adjusted EBITDA (e)	\$62,041	\$70,118	\$175,689	\$198,222

Cumulative affect of change in accounting

- (a) Expenses related to the refinancing of the \$160 million Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. senior secured debt in September 2002.
- (b) Amounts allocated to the general partner for its 1.0101% interest in the operating partnership, Ferrellgas, L.P.
- (c) Amount related to recognition of liabilities for future retirements of underground storage facilities, as required by SFAS No. 143.
- (d) Amount calculated as 99% of the earnings (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle less distribution to senior unitholder; the result then divided by the weighted average common units outstanding.
- (e) Management considers Adjusted EBITDA to be a chief measurement of the partnership's overall economic performance and return on invested capital. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, employee stock ownership plan compensation charge, loss on disposal of assets and other, minority interest, early extinguishment of debt expense, cumulative effect of change in accounting principle and other non-cash and non-operating charges. 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 are unusual or non-recurring, and makes it easier to compare its results with other companies that have different financing and capital structures. In addition, management believes this measure is consistent with the manner in which the partnership's lenders and investors measure its overall performance and liquidity, including its ability to pay quarterly equity distributions, service its long-term debt and other fixed obligations and to fund its capital expenditures and working capital requirements. 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.