

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GERDIN RUSSELL A

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)  
07/11/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 23,297,013  | D <u>(1)</u>   |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 07/11/2007                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 13,509,359 A \$ 0   | 13,509,359  | D <u>(2)</u>   |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 07/11/2007                           |  | Z <sup>(3)</sup>               | 13,509,359 D \$ 0   | 13,509,359  | I <u>(3)</u>   | BY VOTING TRUST                                       |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,936,276   | I <u>(4)</u>   | BY TRUST  |

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)

| 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| GERDIN RUSSELL A<br>901 N KANSAS AVE<br>NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 | X             | X         | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER |       |

## Signatures

RUSSELL A GERDIN 07/13/2007

\*\*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).
- (1) ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP FORM: Shares owned by the revocable trust of the reporting person and his spouse over which the reporting person and his spouse serve as trustees.  
ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP FORM: The reporting person and his spouse became trustees over shares held by grantor retained annuity trusts for their benefit. These shares were previously reflected as being owned indirectly. By virtue of changing the trustee of these trusts to the reporting person and his spouse, these shares were deemed to be owned directly. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trusts except to the extent of his or his spouse's pecuniary interest there in. Mr. Gerdin and his spouse are not the voting trustees and have no power to vote the shares.
- (3) ITEM 3 and 6. Represents deposit into voting trust by reporting person and his spouse of shares reported on the prior line as directly owned.

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ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP FORM. Gerdin Family Investments, LP (the "Limited Partnership") owns a voting trust certificate representing 1,936,276 shares of Heartland Express, Inc. common stock. Mr. Gerdin is the general partner of the Limited Partnership. Although the (4) entire number of shares controlled by the Limited partnership is disclosed herein (as permitted by SEC rules), Mr. Gerdin disclaims beneficial ownership of shares in excess of the number attributable to his ownership interest. Mr. Gerdin is not the voting trustee and has no power to vote the shares in which the Limited Partnership has an interest.

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