

SHERMAN JOHN J  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SHERMAN JOHN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 TWO BRUSH CREEK  
 BLVD., SUITE 200  
 (Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INERGY L P [NRGY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President/CEO/DIRECTOR

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 14,863,072  | I  | As Trustee of the John J. Sherman Revocable Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 476,871   | I  | As Trustee of the John J. Sherman 2005 GRAT I <sup>(1)</sup>     |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,614.757  | I  | By Employee  |

|                 |        |   |   |
|-----------------|--------|---|---|
|                 | 14,998 | D | Unit<br>Purchase<br>Plan <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common<br>Units |        |   |   |

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) |                  |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Units                              | (4)  | 02/14/2012                           |  | J(5)                           |   | 59,968.271   |   | (4)              | (4)             | Common Units | 59,968.2                   |
| Class B Units                              | (4)  | 02/14/2012                           |  | J(6)                           |   | 1,948.65   |   | (4)              | (4)             | Common Units | 1,948.6                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| SHERMAN JOHN J<br>TWO BRUSH CREEK BLVD.<br>SUITE 200<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64112 | X             |           | President/CEO/DIRECTOR |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Judy R. Riddle (attorney-in-fact) for John J. Sherman

02/16/2012

\_\_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) Mr. Sherman is a trustee of the John J. Sherman 2005 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust I.
- (2) Mr. Sherman is the trustee of the John J. Sherman Revocable Trust. John Sherman is the sole beneficiary of this trust.
- (3) Represents common units held in the EUPP. Contributions to the EUPP are used to purchase Inergy common units at the end of each quarter.  
  
The Class B units will convert automatically into common units on a one-for-one basis, with 50% of the outstanding Class B units converting into common units following the payment date of the fourth quarterly distribution following the closing of the merger and the remaining outstanding Class B units converting into common units following the payment date of the eighth quarterly distribution following the closing of the merger.
- (4) The reporting person received 59,968.271 Class B units as a payment-in-kind distribution on 3,545,817.520 Class B units owned on the distribution record date.
- (5) The reporting person received 1,948.650 Class B units as a payment-in-kind distribution on 115,220.192 Class B units owned on the distribution record date.
- (6)

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