MEEHAN RICHARD L

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MEEHAN RICHARD L		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)	(Midd	ile)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2006					Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT			
(Street)				Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip))	Table 1	I - Non-Dei	rivative Se	ecuriti	es Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	(ear)	Execut any	emed ion Date, if n/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		ispose	d of	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	10/27/2006				S	6,000	D	\$ 16.4	37,457	D		
COMMON STOCK									33,425	I	BY SPOUSE	
COMMON STOCK									8,000 (1)	D		

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEEHAN RICHARD L

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

RICHARD L MEEHAN 10/27/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).

ITEM 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions. The 8,000 shares of Heartland Express, Inc.

Common stock were received as a grant of a restricted stock award. The 8,000 shares are subject to vesting, forfeiture, and transfer restrictions over a one year period beginning March 7, 2006. Mr. Meehan has voting power but does not have dispositive power until vesting requirements are satisfied. Vesting, forfeiture, and transfer restrictions will laspe on March 7, 2007.

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