

Swank Jerry V  
 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 * Swank Jerry V			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cushing MLP Total Return Fund [SRV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO and President/Trustee / Chairman of the Board
8117 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 440			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street)	DALLAS, TX 75225			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	12/17/2012		P	10,000 A \$ 7.1708	66,810	D	
Common Shares					14,000 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	I	By Fund (See footnotes)

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Swank Jerry V 8117 PRESTON ROAD SUITE 440 DALLAS, TX 75225	X		CEO and President/Trustee	Chairman of the Board

## Signatures

/s/ Barry Y. Greenberg, attorney-in-fact for Jerry V. Swank  
 12/21/2012  
 \_\_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).
- The filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that Jerry V. Swank ("Mr. Swank") is or was for the purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of any of the common shares of Cushing MLP Total Return Fund ("Common Shares") held by private investment funds ultimately managed by Mr. Swank (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"). Pursuant to Rule 16a-1, Mr. Swank disclaims such beneficial ownership beyond his pecuniary interest in the Funds.
- (1)
  - (2) Common Shares are held by one or more Funds that may be deemed to be controlled, directly or indirectly, by Mr. Swank by virtue of the fact that Mr. Swank serves as the manager of the general partner of such Fund's general partner.

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