

GERDIN MICHAEL J  
Form 4  
October 26, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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may continue.  
*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GERDIN MICHAEL J

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 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/11/2010

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
President

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

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

(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	Price		Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock				Code V Amount		1,910,372 I	Trustee of Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						6,500,000 I	Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	10/11/2010		J <sup>(5)</sup>	V 371,027 A \$ 0	371,027	I	Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2010		J <sup>(5)</sup>	V 191,642 A \$ 0	562,669	I	Beneficiary of Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

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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	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GERDIN MICHAEL J 901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317	X		President	

## Signatures

/s/Michael J.  
Gerdin 10/26/2010

\_\_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) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2005 Gerdin Children's Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting or dispositive power with respect to this trust. A third party serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (2) The reporting person is trustee over shares held by trusts created for the benefit of his children. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has shared voting and dispositive powers with respect to each trust.
- (3) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting or dispositive power with respect to this trust. A third party serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (4)

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The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting or dispositive power with respect to this trust. A third party serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

(5) Remainder shares distributed from grantor retained annuity trusts for the benefit of Ann Gerdin to the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust.

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