FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Criffic David I.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Oiltanking Partners, L.P. [OILT]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
Griffis David L.														X	Office	ctor er (give title		Owner (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 15631 JACINTOPORT BLVD.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2012									belov	w)	belov		
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77015					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								porting					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y					Execution Date,		tion Date, Transa Code (ction				d 5) Sec Ber Ow		ount of ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
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Common Units 09/10/201				012	12		P ⁽¹⁾		106	A	\$37.43	37.4372 ⁽²⁾		7,547	D				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) C C (Month/Day/Year) 8			saction e (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ative rities ired osed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The transaction reported on this Form 4 was executed pursuant to a unit purchase plan in compliance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These common units were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.3907 to \$37.44 per common unit, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of common units purchased at the applicable price within this range.

/s/ Donna Hymel, as attorneyin-fact 09/11/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

- * 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).

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