

Cushing MLP Total Return Fund
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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 *
 Spears Daniel L

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)
 3300 OAK LAWN AVENUE,
 SUITE 650
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/08/2008

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below) Partner

DALLAS, TX 75219

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/08/2008 | | P | 200 | A \$ 16.195 | 600 | I | Held in trust for minor children |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 100 | I | Held in Spouse's IRA account |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,500 | I | Held in IRA account |

