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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Swank Jerry V

(First)

8117 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 440

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Cushing MLP Total Return Fund

[SRV] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/17/2012

_X__ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) below)

CEO and President/Trustee / Chairman of the

(Check all applicable)

Board

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

DALLAS, TX 75225

(City)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquired (A) omr Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
,		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
		•			Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported	(I)	
				(A)	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
C			Code v	Amount (b) Thee			
Common Shares	12/17/2012		P	10,000 A \$ 7.1708	66,810	D	

By Fund Common 14,000 (1) (2) I (See Shares

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	Title N			
						Exercisable	Date		le Number of		
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Officer Other Director 10% Owner

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. 12/21/2012 Swank

> **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 **(1)** 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.
- 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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