GRAY JONATHAN

Form 4

December 29, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GRAY JONATHAN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

Blackstone Group L.P. [BX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE **GROUP, 345 PARK AVENUE**

10/25/2017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Month/Day/Year)

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative		(Month/Day/Year)			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
	Security			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
	Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>							<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership units
	Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	10/25/2017		G(3)	V		260,507	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership units
	Blackstone Holdings partnership units (1)	<u>(1)</u>	10/25/2017		G(3)	V	260,507		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common units representing limited partnership units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GRAY JONATHAN C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	X						

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as Attorney-In-Fact

**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).

A "Blackstone Holdings partnership" unit collectively refers to one limited partner interest in each of Blackstone Holdings I L.P.,
Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings IV L.P. and Blackstone Holdings AI L.P. Subject to
the minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions set forth in the partnership agreements of the Blackstone
partnerships, the holder has the right, exercisable from time to time, to exchange each Blackstone Holdings partnership unit for one
common unit of The Blackstone Group L.P. The Blackstone Holdings partnership units have no expiration date and may not be
exchanged at any time prior to December 31, 2017 other than pursuant to transactions or programs approved by Blackstone.

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- (2) Reflects annuity payments from Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts to the Reporting Person and assignments from the Reporting Person to Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.
- (3) Reflects a transfer from a terminating Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to a trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children.
- (4) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.
- (5) Such Blackstone Holdings partnership units are held in trusts, for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children, of which the Reporting Person is the investment trustee.

Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Exchange Act, the Reporting Person states that this filing shall not be an admission tha Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.