

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 05, 2018

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
August 31, 2018  
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HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada                                      000-15087    93-0926999  
(State of other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of Incorporation)                      File Number) Identification No.)

901 NORTH KANSAS AVE, NORTH LIBERTY, IA    52317  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)                      (Zip  
Code)

(319) 626-3600  
Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code):

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this

chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 31, 2018, Heartland Express, Inc. of Iowa, (the “Borrower”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Heartland Express, Inc. (the “Company”), and the other members of the Company’s consolidated group, along with the Company, as Guarantors, entered into the First Amendment (the “First Amendment”) to the Credit Agreement, dated as of November 11, 2013, (“Existing Credit Agreement”) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the “Bank”).

Among other things, the First Amendment (i) provides for a \$100 million unsecured revolving line of credit (the “Revolver”), which may be used for working capital, equipment financing, permitted acquisitions, and general corporate purposes, (ii) provides an uncommitted accordion feature, which allows the Company a one-time request, at the discretion of the Bank, to increase the Revolver by up to an additional \$100 million, (iii) increases the letter of credit subfeature of the Existing Credit Agreement from \$20 million to \$30 million, and (iv) extends the maturity of the Existing Credit Agreement to August 31, 2021, subject to the Borrower’s ability to terminate the commitment at any time at no additional cost to the Borrower. As of August 31, 2018, the Company did not have any borrowings outstanding and \$9.2 million in outstanding letters of credit under the Existing Credit Agreement.

Interest on outstanding indebtedness under the First Amendment is based, at the Company’s option, on either (i) one-month or three-month LIBOR plus a spread of between 0.70% and 0.90%, based on the Company’s consolidated funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio or (ii) the Prime (Index) rate, plus 0%. A commitment fee is payable on the unused portion of the Revolver at rates between 0.0725% and 0.175%, based on the Company’s consolidated funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio.

The First Amendment contains substantially the same events of default and affirmative and negative covenants as those of the Existing Credit Agreement, except that the Company’s tangible net worth, measured quarterly on a consolidated basis, shall not be less than \$250 million.

The foregoing description of the First Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the First Amendment, a copy of which will be filed with the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.

Date: September 5, 2018 By: /s/ Christopher A. Strain  
Christopher A. Strain  
Vice President-Finance,  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer