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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**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) February 28, 2013**

**Rose Rock Midstream, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35365**

(Commission File Number)

**45-2934823**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Two Warren Place  
6120 S. Yale Avenue, Suite 700  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136-4216**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(918) 524-7700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 28, 2013, Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. issued a press release announcing fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2012 results. A copy of the press release dated February 28, 2013, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

The following exhibit is furnished herewith.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated February 28, 2013, issued by Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. |

## **SIGNATURES**

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

**ROSE ROCK MIDSTREAM, L.P.**

By: Rose Rock Midstream GP, LLC  
its general partner

Date: February 28, 2013

By: /s/ Robert N. Fitzgerald  
Robert N. Fitzgerald  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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## **Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2012 Results**

*Fourth Quarter Adjusted EBITDA Increased 4% Over Previous Quarter and 14% Year-Over-Year*

**Tulsa, OK - February 28, 2013** - Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. (NYSE: RRMS) today announced its financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2012.

Rose Rock Midstream reported fourth quarter 2012 Adjusted EBITDA of \$9.9 million , up 4% from third quarter 2012 of \$9.5 million , and up 2% from the fourth quarter 2011 of \$9.7 million . Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2012, totaled \$39.5 million , compared to Adjusted EBITDA of \$34.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, an increase of 14%.

"Rose Rock Midstream finished the year strong, delivering results in the upper end of our guidance range, and we are pleased with the company's growth and financial performance," said Norm Szydlowski, chief executive officer of Rose Rock Midstream's general partner. "We set out to achieve certain goals during 2012 and we are confident that year-end results, quarterly cash distribution increases of 11% since the IPO and our recent acquisition of 17% of the White Cliffs Pipeline are all steps in the right direction."

Adjusted gross margin was \$19.2 million for the fourth quarter 2012, flat compared to third quarter 2012 and 5% above fourth quarter 2011 Adjusted gross margin of \$18.3 million . Adjusted gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2012, totaled \$74.6 million , compared to Adjusted gross margin of \$64.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Adjusted gross margin and Adjusted EBITDA, which are non-GAAP measures, are reconciled to their most directly comparable GAAP measures below.

Fourth quarter 2012 net income totaled \$4.6 million , compared to \$6.5 million for the third quarter 2012 and \$6.8 million for the fourth quarter 2011. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2012, totaled \$24.0 million , compared to net income of \$23.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Rose Rock Midstream's distributable cash flow for the three months ended December 31, 2012 was \$7.8 million . On January 24, 2013, Rose Rock Midstream increased the partnership's quarterly cash distribution to \$0.4025 per unit from \$0.3925 per unit, effective for the fourth quarter 2012, resulting in an annualized distribution of \$1.61 per unit. This is a 2.5% increase over the third quarter 2012 and marks the fourth consecutive increase in the quarterly cash distribution to RRMS limited partner unitholders. The distribution was paid on February 14, 2013 to all unitholders of record on February 4, 2013. Distributable cash flow, which is a non-GAAP measure is reconciled to its most directly comparable GAAP measure below.

### **2013 Guidance**

Rose Rock Midstream anticipates 2013 Adjusted EBITDA of \$56 million to \$60 million, an increase of approximately 47% over 2012 results of \$39.5 million , primarily due to the acquisition of a partial interest in January 2013 in the White Cliffs Pipeline. The partnership also expects to deploy \$60 million in capital investments in 2013, with 93% allocated to growth projects and a target distribution growth rate in 2013 of 10% to 15% year-over-year.

"Rose Rock Midstream generated strong results for 2012 and our future outlook is just as promising," Szydlowski said. "We continue our focus on organic growth driven by opportunities like the White Cliffs Pipeline, a tremendous asset with substantial volume growth and expansion work already in progress. This acquisition supports our strategic plan, complements our crude-based business and echoes our commitment to provide value to our unitholders."

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**Earnings Conference Call**

Rose Rock Midstream will host a joint conference call with SemGroup<sup>®</sup> Corporation (NYSE: SEMG) for investors tomorrow, March 1, 2013, at 11 a.m. EST. The call can be accessed live over the telephone by dialing 877.359.3652, or for international callers, 720.545.0014. The pass code for the call is 88748209. Interested parties may also listen to a simultaneous webcast of the conference call by logging onto Rose Rock Midstream's Investor Relations website at [ir.rrmidstream.com](http://ir.rrmidstream.com). A replay of the webcast will also be available for a year following the call at [ir.rrmidstream.com](http://ir.rrmidstream.com) on the Calendar of Events-Past Events page. The fourth quarter and full year 2012 earnings slide deck will be posted under Presentations.

**About Rose Rock Midstream**

Rose Rock Midstream, L.P. (NYSE: RRMS) is a growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership formed by SemGroup<sup>®</sup> Corporation (NYSE: SEMG) to own, operate, develop and acquire a diversified portfolio of midstream energy assets. Rose Rock Midstream provides crude oil gathering, transportation, storage and marketing services. Headquartered in Tulsa, OK, Rose Rock Midstream has operations in six states with the majority of its assets strategically located in or connected to the Cushing, Oklahoma crude oil marketing hub.

**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This Press Release and the accompanying schedules include the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow, which may be used periodically by management when discussing our financial results with investors and analysts. The accompanying schedules of this Press Release provide reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP).

Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are presented as management believes they provide additional information and metrics relative to the performance of our business.

Operating income (loss) is the GAAP measure most directly comparable to Adjusted gross margin, net income (loss) and cash provided by (used in) operating activities are the GAAP measures most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA, and net income (loss) is the GAAP measure most directly comparable to distributable cash flow. Our non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all, items that affect the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. You should not consider Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA or distributable cash flow in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may be defined differently by other companies in our industry, our definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing their utility.

Management compensates for the limitation of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow as analytical tools by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow, on the one hand, and operating income (loss), net income (loss) and net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, on the other hand, and incorporating this knowledge into its decision-making processes. We believe that investors benefit from having access to the same financial measures that our management uses in evaluating our operating results.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters contained in this Press Release include “forward-looking statements.”

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Press Release including the prospects of our industry, our anticipated financial performance, including distributable cash flow, management's plans and objectives for future operations, business prospects, outcome of regulatory proceedings, market conditions and other matters, may constitute forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that these expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain known and unknown risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in these forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to, insufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses to pay the minimum quarterly distribution; any sustained reduction in demand for crude oil in markets served by our midstream assets; our ability to obtain new sources of supply of crude oil; competition from other midstream energy companies; our ability to comply with the covenants contained in and maintain certain financial ratios required by our credit facility; our ability to access credit markets; our ability to renew or replace expiring storage contracts; the loss of or a material nonpayment or nonperformance by any of our key customers; the overall forward market for crude oil; the possibility that our hedging activities may result in losses or may have a negative impact on our financial results; hazards or operating risks incidental to the gathering, transporting or storing of crude oil; our failure to comply with new or existing environmental laws or regulations; the possibility that the construction or acquisition of new assets may not result in the corresponding anticipated revenue increases; as well as other risk factors discussed from time to time in each of our documents and reports filed with the SEC.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this Press Release, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to any forward-looking statements.

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**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets***(in thousands, unaudited)*

|  | December 31,<br>2012 | December 31,<br>2011 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                      |                      |
| Current assets                           | \$ 250,617           | \$ 166,582           |
| Property, plant and equipment, net       | 291,530              | 276,246              |
| Other noncurrent assets, net             | 2,579                | 2,666                |
| Total assets                             | <u>\$ 544,726</u>    | <u>\$ 445,494</u>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b> |                      |                      |
| Current liabilities                      | \$ 231,843           | \$ 140,553           |
| Long-term debt                           | 4,562                | 87                   |
| Total liabilities                        | <u>236,405</u>       | <u>140,640</u>       |
| Total partners' capital                  | 308,321              | 304,854              |
| Total liabilities and partners' capital  | <u>\$ 544,726</u>    | <u>\$ 445,494</u>    |



**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**  
*(in thousands, except per unit amounts, unaudited)*

|   | Three Months Ended |                 |                 | Year Ended       |                  |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | December 31,       |                 | September 30,   | December 31,     |                  |
|   | 2012               | 2011            | 2012            | 2012             | 2011             |
| <b>Revenues, including revenues from affiliates:</b>                            |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Product   | \$ 140,344         | \$ 123,477      | \$ 120,358      | \$ 576,158       | \$ 395,301       |
| Service   | 11,386             | 8,724           | 11,196          | 44,318           | 35,801           |
| Other   | —                  | (1)             | —               | (59)             | 219              |
| <b>Total revenues</b>   | <b>151,730</b>     | <b>132,200</b>  | <b>131,554</b>  | <b>620,417</b>   | <b>431,321</b>   |
| <b>Expenses, including expenses from affiliates:</b>                            |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Costs of products sold, exclusive of depreciation and amortization              | 134,119            | 113,461         | 111,790         | 546,966          | 366,265          |
| Operating   | 6,156              | 5,278           | 5,698           | 23,302           | 18,973           |
| General and administrative  | 3,253              | 3,336           | 4,081           | 12,083           | 9,843            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 3,099              | 2,874           | 3,066           | 12,131           | 11,379           |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <b>146,627</b>     | <b>124,949</b>  | <b>124,635</b>  | <b>594,482</b>   | <b>406,460</b>   |
| <b>Operating income</b>   | <b>5,103</b>       | <b>7,251</b>    | <b>6,919</b>    | <b>25,935</b>    | <b>24,861</b>    |
| <b>Other expenses (income):</b>   |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Interest expense  | 505                | 418             | 450             | 1,912            | 1,823            |
| Other expense (income), net   | (3)                | 5               | —               | 69               | (197)            |
| <b>Total other expenses (income), net</b>                                       | <b>\$ 502</b>      | <b>\$ 423</b>   | <b>\$ 450</b>   | <b>\$ 1,981</b>  | <b>\$ 1,626</b>  |
| <b>Net income</b>   | <b>\$ 4,601</b>    | <b>\$ 6,828</b> | <b>\$ 6,469</b> | <b>\$ 23,954</b> | <b>\$ 23,235</b> |
| <b>Allocation of net income used for earnings</b>                               |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| <b>per unit calculation:</b>  |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 4,601           | \$ 6,828        | \$ 6,469        | \$ 23,954        | \$ 23,235        |
| Less: Net income prior to initial public offering on December 14, 2011          | —                  | 5,858           | —               | —                | 22,265           |
| <b>Net income subsequent to initial public offering on December 14, 2011</b>    | <b>\$ 4,601</b>    | <b>\$ 970</b>   | <b>\$ 6,469</b> | <b>\$ 23,954</b> | <b>\$ 970</b>    |
| <b>Allocation of net income subsequent to initial public offering:</b>          |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Net income allocated to general partner   | \$ 92              | \$ 19           | \$ 129          | \$ 479           | \$ 19            |
| Net income allocated to common unitholders                                      | \$ 2,254.5         | \$ 475.5        | \$ 3,170        | \$ 11,737.5      | \$ 475.5         |
| Net income allocated to subordinated unitholders                                | \$ 2,254.5         | \$ 475.5        | \$ 3,170        | \$ 11,737.5      | \$ 475.5         |
| <b>Earnings per limited partner unit subsequent to initial public offering:</b> |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Common units (basic and diluted)  | \$ 0.27            | \$ 0.06         | \$ 0.38         | \$ 1.40          | \$ 0.06          |
| Subordinated units (basic and diluted)  | \$ 0.27            | \$ 0.06         | \$ 0.38         | \$ 1.40          | \$ 0.06          |
| <b>Basic weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:</b>      |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Common units  | 8,390              | 8,390           | 8,390           | 8,390            | 8,390            |
| Subordinated units  | 8,390              | 8,390           | 8,390           | 8,390            | 8,390            |
| <b>Diluted weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding:</b>    |                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Common units  | 8,411              | 8,390           | 8,409           | 8,406            | 8,390            |
| Subordinated units  | 8,390              | 8,390           | 8,390           | 8,390            | 8,390            |



**Non-GAAP Reconciliations***(in thousands, unaudited)*

|   | Three Months Ended |           |               | Year Ended   |           |
|---|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
|   | December 31,       |           | September 30, | December 31, |           |
|   | 2012               | 2011      | 2012          | 2012         | 2011      |
| <b>Reconciliation of operating income to Adjusted gross margin:</b> |                    |           |               |              |           |
| Operating income  | \$ 5,103           | \$ 7,251  | \$ 6,919      | \$ 25,935    | \$ 24,861 |
| Add:  |                    |           |               |              |           |
| Operating expense   | 6,156              | 5,278     | 5,698         | 23,302       | 18,973    |
| General and administrative  | 3,253              | 3,336     | 4,081         | 12,083       | 9,843     |
| Depreciation and amortization                                       | 3,099              | 2,874     | 3,066         | 12,131       | 11,379    |
| Less:   |                    |           |               |              |           |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net                          | (1,628)            | 453       | 554           | (1,196)      | 787       |
| Adjusted gross margin   | \$ 19,239          | \$ 18,286 | \$ 19,210     | \$ 74,647    | \$ 64,269 |

**Reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA:**

|   |          |          |          |           |           |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net income  | \$ 4,601 | \$ 6,828 | \$ 6,469 | \$ 23,954 | \$ 23,235 |
| Add:  |          |          |          |           |           |
| Interest expense  | 505      | 418      | 450      | 1,912     | 1,823     |
| Depreciation and amortization                                 | 3,099    | 2,874    | 3,066    | 12,131    | 11,379    |
| Non-cash equity compensation                                  | 90       | —        | 79       | 308       | —         |
| (Gain) loss on impairment or sale of assets                   | (57)     | 52       | —        | (1)       | 64        |
| Provision for (recovery of) uncollectible accounts receivable | —        | (16)     | —        | —         | (916)     |
| Less:   |          |          |          |           |           |
| Impact from derivative instruments:                           |          |          |          |           |           |
| Total gain (loss) on derivatives, net                         | 491      | (1,699)  | (631)    | 149       | (386)     |
| Total realized (gain) loss (cash flow) on derivatives, net    | (2,119)  | 2,152    | 1,185    | (1,345)   | 1,173     |
| Non-cash unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net           | (1,628)  | 453      | 554      | (1,196)   | 787       |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | \$ 9,866 | \$ 9,703 | \$ 9,510 | \$ 39,500 | \$ 34,798 |

**Reconciliation of net cash provided by (used in) operating activities to Adjusted EBITDA:**

|   |          |          |           |           |           |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities             | \$ (428) | \$ 3,448 | \$ 15,446 | \$ 35,097 | \$ 51,085 |
| Less:   |          |          |           |           |           |
| Changes in assets and liabilities                               | (9,887)  | (5,865)  | 6,296     | (2,850)   | 18,082    |
| Add:  |          |          |           |           |           |
| Interest expense, excluding amortization of debt issuance costs | 407      | 390      | 360       | 1,553     | 1,795     |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | \$ 9,866 | \$ 9,703 | \$ 9,510  | \$ 39,500 | \$ 34,798 |



**Non-GAAP Reconciliations (Continued)***(in thousands, unaudited)*

|   | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, 2012 | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2012 |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Reconciliation of net income to distributable cash flow:</b> |   |                                 |
| Net income  | \$ 4,601                                | \$ 23,954                       |
| Add: Interest expense   | 505                                     | 1,912                           |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization                              | 3,099                                   | 12,131                          |
| EBITDA  | 8,205                                   | 37,997                          |
| Add: (Gain) loss on impairment or sale of assets                | (57)                                    | (1)                             |
| Add: Non-cash equity compensation                               | 90                                      | 308                             |
| Less:   |   |                                 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net                      | (1,628)                                 | (1,196)                         |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | \$ 9,866                                | \$ 39,500                       |
| Less: Cash interest expense                                     | 406                                     | 1,551                           |
| Less: Maintenance capital expenditures                          | 1,633                                   | 4,239                           |
| Distributable cash flow   | \$ 7,827                                | \$ 33,710                       |
| <br>  |   |                                 |
| Distribution declared   | \$ 8,331 <sup>(1)</sup>                 | \$ 27,979 <sup>(2)</sup>        |
| <br>  |   |                                 |
| Distribution coverage ratio                                     | 0.94x                                   | 1.20x                           |

*(1) The distribution declared January 24, 2013 represents \$0.4025 per unit, or \$1.61 per unit on an annualized basis. This is a 2.5% increase over the prior quarter. The distribution includes units issued on January 11, 2013.*

*(2) The distribution declared represents the quarterly cash distributions for the full year 2012.*

**2013 Adjusted EBITDA Guidance***(in millions, unaudited)*

|   | Guidance <sup>(1)</sup> |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
|   | Low                     | High      |
| Net income  | \$ 26.7                 | \$ 32.2   |
| Add: Interest expense                               | 12.3                    | 11.3      |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization                  | 13.5                    | 13.0      |
| EBITDA  | \$ 52.5                 | \$ 56.5   |
| Non-Cash Adjustments                                | 3.5                     | 3.5       |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                     | \$ 56.0                 | \$ 60.0   |
| <b>Non-Cash Adjustments</b>                         |                         |           |
| Remove equity earnings in White Cliffs Pipeline     | \$ (14.0)               | \$ (16.0) |
| Include cash distributions in White Cliffs Pipeline | 17.0                    | 19.0      |
| Non-cash equity compensation                        | 0.5                     | 0.5       |
| Non-Cash Adjustments                                | \$ 3.5                  | \$ 3.5    |

*(1) Guidance is on a cash basis for White Cliffs Pipeline*