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#### Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On September 10, 2012, Heartland Express, Inc. (the "Company") announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

## Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (c) Exhibits

The Exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index accompanying Form 8-K is furnished herewith.

#### **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 12, 2012 By: /s/ John P. Cosaert

John P. Cosaert

Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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