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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On October 26, 2011 the Board of Directors of Heartland Express, Inc. (the "Company") elected Tahira K. Hira as a director of the Company, effective immediately. Ms. Hira will serve as a member of the Company's audit committee, nominating committee, and compensation committee. As a non-employee director, Ms. Hira will receive compensation for her services as a member of the Company's Board of Directors, and the committees of the Board of Directors on which she serves, that is consistent with compensation received by the other non-employee members of the Company's Board of Directors. The current terms of these arrangements are set forth in our proxy statement for our 2011 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings "Director Compensation Table" and "Narrative to Director Compensation Table," except that effective October 1, 2011, the annual retainer for serving on the Board of Directors of the Company was increased to \$40,000 inclusive of attendance at meetings throughout the year. The Company has determined that there are no related person transactions with Ms. Hira, as contemplated by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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99.1 Heartland Express, Inc. press release dated October 27, 2011 with respect to the Company's

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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: November 1, 2011 BY:/s/John P. Cosaert

John P. Cosaert

Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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