

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WESLEY CHARLES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [ARLP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior VP-Operations

TULSA, OK 74119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common unit | 02/12/2009 | | M | 7,275 | A | (3) | 114,522 D |
| Common unit | 02/12/2009 | | F | 2,686 | D | \$ (2) | 32.42 111,836 D |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted unit | (3) | 02/12/2009 | | M | 7,275 | 02/12/2009 (1) | Common unit | 7,275 |
| Phantom unit | (4) | 02/13/2009 | | A | 555 | (5) (1) | Common unit | 555 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WESLEY CHARLES R 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119 | X | | Senior VP-Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ Charles R. Wesley III by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated February 2, 2007 02/17/2009

__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).
- (1) Not applicable
- (2) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for the payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$32.42.
On January 27, 2009, the Partnership's Compensation Committee determined that the vesting requirement for the 2006 Long-Term
- (3) Incentive Plan grants had been satisfied. As a result restricted units were determined to be vested effective January 1, 2009 and subsequently issued on February 12, 2009 based upon the closing price of the common units at February 10, 2009 of \$32.42.
- (4) 1 for 1
- (5) The Phantom units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's death or termination.

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