

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Davis R Eberley

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 SOUTH BOULDER, SUITE 400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP-Law&Admin,General Counsel

TULSA, OK 74119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common unit                     | 02/14/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 7,125   | A  | <del>(4)</del> 14,553             |
| Common unit                     | 02/14/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 2,436   | D  | \$ 73.95 12,117 <del>(5)</del>    |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom unit                               | (1)  | 02/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 44  | (2) (3)  | Common unit   | 44                            |
| Restricted unit                            | (4)  | 02/14/2012                           |  | M                              | 7,125   | 02/14/2012 (3)   | Common units  | 7,125                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |            |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other      |
| Davis R Eberley<br>1717 SOUTH BOULDER, SUITE 400<br>TULSA, OK 74119                        |               |           | SVP-Law&Admin,General Counsel   |            |
| /s/ R. Eberley Davis by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated February 6, 2007 |               |           |                                 | 02/16/2012 |
|  |               |           | **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) 1 for 1
- (2) The Phantom units are to be settled in ARLP common units upon the reporting person's death or termination.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) On January 25, 2012, our Compensation Committee determined that the vesting requirement for the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan grants had been satisfied. As a result restricted units were determined to be vested effective January 1, 2012 and subsequently issued on February 14, 2012 based upon an ARLP unit price of \$73.95.
- (5) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for the payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$73.95.

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