

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Fouch Robert J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President and Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1717 SOUTH BOULDER SUITE
 400
 (Street)

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

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common unit	02/14/2012		M		2,225	A	<u>(2)</u> 5,438
Common unit	02/14/2012		F		756	D	\$ <u>(3)</u> 73.95 4,682

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 units	(2)	02/14/2012		M	2,225	02/14/2012 (1)	Common units	2,225

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fouch Robert J 1717 SOUTH BOULDER SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119			Vice President and Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Robert J. Fouch by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated July 27, 2006

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) Not applicable

(2) 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.

(3) 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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