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STEYN DAVID A Form 4

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3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STEYN DAVID A Issuer Symbol ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN (Check all applicable) HOLDING L.P. [AB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN 12/07/2009 Chief Operating Officer L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE **AMERICAS** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10105 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount by rabbi trust units rep. under \$ assignments 146,083 incentive of beneficial 26.73 I 12/07/2009(2) A 146,083 (3) compensation (2) owner. of lp award interests (1) program Holding 9,579 D Units

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEYN DAVID A C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by 12/17/2009 pwr. att'y

**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).
- Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding **(1)** Units")
- The price set forth in the table is the closing price of a Holding Unit as reported for composite transactions on the New York Stock Exchange on December 7, 2009, the date the award was granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of AllianceBernstein Corporation. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because award amounts were not calculated and communicated to award recipients until the week of December 14, 2009.
- (3) Reporting Person's 2009 incentive compensation award was notionally converted into Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 146,083 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under the incentive compenation award program until they are distributed to Reporting Person. The award vests (subject to various agreements and covenants set forth in the award agreement)

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in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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