

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
 Form 4
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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 *
 CANTRELL BRIAN L

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)
 02/11/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP and CFO

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
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Unit | 02/11/2016 | | M | 14,334 | A (4) | 94,100 | D |
| Common unit | 02/11/2016 | | F | 4,945 | D (5) | \$ 12.38 | 89,155 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom unit | (1) | 02/12/2016 | | A | 736 | (3) | (2) | Common Unit | 736 |
| Restricted unit | (4) | 02/11/2016 | | M | 14,334 | 02/11/2016 | (2) | Comon units | 14,334 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CANTRELL BRIAN L 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119 | | | Senior VP and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Brian Cantrell by Kenneth Hemm, pursuant to power of attorney dated April 10, 2013 02/16/2016

**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) Not applicable
- (3) The Phantom units are to be settled in ARLP common units upon the reporting person's death or termination.
On January 22, 2016, our Compensation Committee determined that the vesting requirements for the 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan grants had been satisfied. As a result restricted units were determined to be vested effective January 1, 2016 and subsequently issued on February 11, 2016 based upon an ARLP unit price of \$12.38.
- (5) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for the payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$12.38.

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