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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

02/12/2009

unit

WESLEY CHARLES R Sy			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) 1717 S. BO AVENUE,	ULDER	(Month	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2009				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP-Operations		
TULSA, OI	(Street) X 74119		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		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common unit	02/12/2009		M	7,275	A	<u>(3)</u>	114,522	D	
Common	02/12/2009		F	2 686	D	\$ 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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(2)

2,686

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32.42 111,836

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Restricted unit	(3)	02/12/2009		M		7,275	02/12/2009	(1)	Common unit	7,275
Phantom unit	<u>(4)</u>	02/13/2009		A	555		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common	555

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	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

**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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