

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
 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 \*  
**RATHBURN GARY 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)  
 Senior VP-Marketing

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 600  
 (Street)  
 TULSA, OK 74119  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/02/2004  
 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                     |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,500   | D  |   |
| Common unit <sup>(3)</sup>      | 11/02/2004                           |  | M                              | 25,600  | A <u>(3)</u> 32,100   | D  |   |
| Common unit <sup>(3)</sup>      | 11/02/2004                           |  | F                              | 10,240  | D \$ 59.19 <u>(7)</u> 21,860  | D  |   |
| Common unit                     | 11/02/2004                           |  | S                              | 5,360   | D \$ 58.01 16,500   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,000   | I  |   |

Common unit

By daughter

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                               | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (1) (6)  | Common Unit   | 6,387                         |
| Restricted unit                            | (2)  | 11/02/2004                           |  | M                              | 25,600  | 11/02/2004 (6)   | Common unit   | 25,600                        |
| Restricted unit                            | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) (6)  | Common unit   | 9,250                         |
| Restricted unit                            | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) (6)  | Common unit   | 6,400                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| RATHBURN GARY J<br>1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE<br>SUITE 600<br>TULSA, OK 74119 |               |           | Senior<br>VP-Marketing |       |

## Signatures

Gary J.  
Rathburn

11/03/2004

\*\*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) The Phantom units are to be settled in either cash or ARLP common units, at the election of the Compensation Committee, upon the reporting person's death or termination.

(2) 1 for 1

(3) The Restricted units have vested according to the provisions described in the Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Issuer on November 2, 2004 and upon vesting the restricted units were paid on a 1 for 1 basis of common units based upon the market value of the common units (\$59.19) on the date of vesting.

(4) The Restricted units will vest on September 30, 2005 provided that the issuer meets certain financial tests. Once vested the restricted units are to be settled in either cash or ARLP common units, at the election of the Compensation Committee.

(5) The Restricted units will vest on December 31, 2006 provided that the issuer meets certain financial tests. Once vested the restricted units are to be settled in either cash or ARLP common units, at the election of the Compensation Committee.

(6) Not applicable

(7) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$59.19.

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