

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
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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 \*  
**SACHSE ROBERT G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 400  
 (Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Excutive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common unit	02/12/2010		M	5,800	A	<del>(4)</del> 24,013	D
Common unit	02/12/2010		F	1,917	D	\$ 38.17 22,096	D
						<u>(5)</u>	

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 unit	(4)	02/12/2010		M	5,800	02/12/2010 (3)	Common unit	5,800
Phantom unit	(1)	02/12/2010		A	60	(2) (3)	Common unit	60

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SACHSE ROBERT G 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 400 TULSA, OK 74119			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert G. Sachse by Mindy Kerber, pursuant to power of attorney dated July 27, 2006 02/16/2010

\_\_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) The Phantom units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's death or termination.
- (3) Not applicable

- (4) On January 26, 2010 the Partnership's Compensation Committee determined that the vesting requirement for the 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan grants had been satisfied. As a result restricted units were determined to be vested effective January 1, 2010 and subsequently issued on February 12, 2010 based upon the closing price of the common units at February 8, 2010 of \$38.17.
- (5) Upon vesting, restricted units are withheld by the Partnership for the payment of tax liability at the vesting price of \$38.17.

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