

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 600**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior VP-Marketing**

**TULSA, OK 74119**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 \_\_\_ 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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common unit					23,900	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)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom unit	(2)					(1)	(4)	Common unit	15,154
Phantom unit	(2)	05/15/2006		A	166	(1)	(4)	Common unit	166 (4)
Restricted unit	(2)					(3)	(4)	Common unit	12,800
Restricted unit	(2)					(5)	(4)	Common unit	6,800
Restricted unit	(2)					(6)	(4)	Common unit	4,400

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Gary J. Rathburn by Megan Cordle, pursuant to power of attorney dated August 22, 2002

05/16/2006

\_\_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 will vest on December 31, 2006 provided that the issuer meets certain financial tests. Once vested the restricted units are to be settled in ARLP common units.

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- (4) Not applicable
- (5) The Restricted units will vest on January 1, 2008 provided that the issuer meets certain financial tests. Once vested the restricted units are to be settled in ARLP common units.
- (6) The Restricted units will vest on January 1, 2009 provided that the issuer meets certain financial tests. Once vested the restricted units are to be settled in ARLP units.

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