

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.  
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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 \*  
 COHEN EDWARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1845 WALNUT STREET, 10TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. [ARP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2012

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)  
 Chairman & CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Units                    | 04/30/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 50,000  | A  | \$ 20<br>(1)  |
| Common Units                    | 04/30/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 150,000   | A  | \$ 20<br>(1)  |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 3,396 (2)   |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 7,510 (2)   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 6,869 (2)   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |

By Foundation (3)  
 By Partnership (4)  
 By Trust



## Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) The reporting person purchased the common units in a private placement transaction.
- (2) In connection with the issuer's spin-off from Atlas Energy, L.P. ("ATLS"), the issuer's common units were distributed to ATLS unitholders using a ratio of 0.1021 to 1. The reporting person's units set forth in this report have been adjusted accordingly.
- (3) The reporting person is a co-trustee of Arete Foundation, a charitable foundation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership to these units.
- (4) The reporting person and his spouse are the sole shareholders, officers and directors of the corporate general partner of Solomon Investment Partnership, L.P. a limited partnership, and are the sole partners of the partnership.

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