

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 CANTRELL BRIAN L

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 and CFO

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

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

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  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Unit                     |                                      |  |                                | V Amount (D) Price  | 4,000   | 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. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|

|                 |     |            |  | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title       | Amount or Number of Shares |     |
|-----------------|-----|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Phantom unit    | (1) |            |  |      |   |     |     | (4)              | (3)             | Common Unit | 505                        |     |
| Phantom unit    | (1) | 05/15/2006 |  | A    |   | 6   |     | (4)              | (3)             | Common Unit | 6                          | (3) |
| Restricted unit | (1) |            |  |      |   |     |     | (2)              | (3)             | Common Unit | 10,000                     |     |
| Restricted unit | (1) |            |  |      |   |     |     | (5)              | (3)             | Common Unit | 5,350                      |     |
| Restricted unit | (1) |            |  |      |   |     |     | (6)              | (3)             | Common Unit | 4,300                      |     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CANTRELL BRIAN L  
 1717 S. BOULDER AVENUE  
 SUITE 600  
 TULSA, OK 74119

Senior VP and CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Cantrell by Megan Cordle, pursuant to power of attorney dated October 22, 2003

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) 1 for 1

(2) 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.

(3) Not applicable

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- (4) 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.
- (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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