

KOTEK FREDDIE M  
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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 \*  
**KOTEK FREDDIE M**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**PARK PLACE CORPORATE CENTER ONE, 1000 COMMERCE DRIVE, 4TH FLOOR**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP Investment Partnership Div**

(Street)

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

**PITTSBURGH, PA 15275**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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	05/15/2012		A		50,000	A	Ⓣ
Common Units					2,788	I	By GRAT
Common Units					278	I	By Spouse
Common Units					2,788	I	By Spouse GRAT
Common Units					195	I	By Children

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Common Units	252	I	By Children's Trust
Common Units	659	I	By Mother-In-Law

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
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Unit Options	\$ 24.67	05/15/2012		A	70,000	(2) 05/15/2012	Common Units	70,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

Lisa Washington,  
Attorney-In-Fact 05/17/2012

\*\*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 reporting person is a participant in the Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The reporting person received 50,000 phantom units under the Plan on May 15, 2012. Each phantom unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one common unit of the Partnership. The phantom units in the Plan vest 25% per year. The units are receivable without

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additional consideration.

(2) The reporting person received 70,000 options under the Plan on May 15, 2012. The options vest 25% per year.

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