

BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER  
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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 \*  
 BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ENERGY PARTNERS,  
 LTD., 201 ST. CHARLES AVENUE

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70170

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ENERGY PARTNERS LTD [EPL]

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

05/01/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr.)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr.)
Deferred Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/01/2012	A	6,219						<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	6,219 <sup>(4)</sup>	<u>(4)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUCKNER CHARLES OLIVER C/O ENERGY PARTNERS, LTD. 201 ST. CHARLES AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70170	X			

## Signatures

David Cedro, Attorney  
in Fact 05/03/2012  
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) Shares of restricted stock granted on May 1, 2012 under the issuer's Board Compensation Program and 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan, each as amended, and deferred under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated Stock and Deferral Plan for Non-Employee Directors, as amended.
- (2) Each deferred share is the economic equivalent of one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (3) The deferred shares are subject to customary transfer restrictions and risk of forfeiture provisions, one-half of which lapse immediately on the transaction date and one-half on the day preceeding the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. The deferred shares will be delivered to the reporting person in a lump sum payable on the date the reporting person ceases his service as a director.
- (4) Consistent with the provisions of the Issuer's 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan, the grantee did not pay any consideration to the Issuer for the restricted shares that were granted. By way of reference, the closing price per share of the Issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 1, 2012 was \$16.08.

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