

HUDSON KENNETH
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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 *
HUDSON KENNETH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [NRP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5260 IRWIN ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Controller

HUNTINGTON, WV 25705

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/22/2012		M	5,500 A <u>(1)</u>	9,500	D	
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/22/2012		D	5,500 D \$ 26.9 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	02/22/2012		M	5,500	02/22/2012 - 02/22/2012	Common Units	5,500
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3) (4)</u>					02/12/2013 - 02/12/2013	Common Units	6,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3) (4)</u>					02/11/2014 - 02/11/2014	Common Units	6,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3) (4)</u>					02/10/2015 - 02/10/2015	Common Units	7,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3) (4)</u>					02/14/2016 - 02/14/2016	Common Units	8,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUDSON KENNETH 5260 IRWIN ROAD HUNTINGTON, WV 25705				Controller

Signatures

Kenneth Hudson	02/24/2012
<u> </u> 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 common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II, which were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
 - (2) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.

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- (3) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
- (4) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.
- (5) As described in Footnote 1, upon vesting, the phantom units were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.

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