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| FORM | | | | | | | APPROVAL | | | | |
| | UNITED S. | | SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE C Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | COMMISSION | OMB Number: | 3235-0287 | | |
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| subject Section Form 4 Form 5 | or STATEME | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWN SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange | | | | | | Estimated burden ho response. | average urs per | | |
| obligati may con <i>See</i> Inst 1(b). | ons Section 17(a) | | Utility Ho | lding Co | npan | y Act of | 1935 or Sectio | n | | | |
| (Print or Type | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCOTT W W JR Syr | | | 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) | | (Month | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | | |
| 001 JEFFE | RSON, SUITE 360 | | | 2013 | | | | | | | |
| | | | mendment, Date Original Aonth/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | ally Owned | | | | |
| | | 14 | | | | - | · · · | | 7. Nature of | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | a | A. Deemed Execution Date, i: Iny Month/Day/Year | Code) (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | sposed 4 and 3 (A) or | l of (D) 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | curities Ownership Indirect neficially Form: Beneficial rend Direct (D) Ownersh lowing or Indirect (Instr. 4) ported (I) unsaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common | 05/21/2013 | | Code V | | (D) A | Price | 290.070 | D | | | |
| Units (1) | 05/21/2015 | | М | 14,455 | (1) | <u>(2)</u> | 289,970 | D | | | |
| Common Units (1) | 05/21/2013 | | D | 14,455 | D (1) | \$ 23.26 (2) | 275,515 | D | | | |
| Common Units | | | | | | | 8,000 | Ι | By Spouse | | |
| Common Units | | | | | | | 133,907 | I | By Scott Riverbend Farm, Ltd. | | |

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | orDerivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--------------|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Units (3) | (2) | 05/21/2013 | | М | | 14,455 | 05/21/2013 | 05/21/2013 | Common Units | 14,455 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Addre | ess | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| SCOTT W W JR 601 JEFFERSON SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Х | | | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | | |
| W.W. Scott, Jr. | 05/22/2013 | | | | | | | | |
| **Signature of | 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).

The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II. Mr. Scott retired from the Board of Directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC, effective May 21, 2013. The Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC decided to accelerate the vesting of all of Mr. Scott's phantom units effective upon the date of his retirement.

- (2) 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.
- (3) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long-term incentive plan.

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Reporting Person

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