

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Key Jeffrey C</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>PARK PLACE CORPORATE CENTER ONE, 1000 COMMERCE DRIVE, SUITE 400</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PITTSBURGH, PA 15275</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/23/2012</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. [ARP]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Key Jeffrey C PARK PLACE CORPORATE CENTER ONE 1000 COMMERCE DRIVE, SUITE 400 PITTSBURGH, PA 15275	X	X	X	X

## Signatures

/s/ Lisa Washington, 02/23/2012  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

**Remarks:**  
 No securities are beneficially owned. This report is being filed in connection with Mr. Key's elec

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