

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.
Form 8-K
April 14, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 14, 2015

Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-35317
(Commission

File Number)

45-3591625
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Park Place Corporate Center One

1000 Commerce Drive, Suite 400

Pittsburgh, PA

(Address of principal executive offices)

15275

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 800-251-0171

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information set forth under Item 5.03 regarding the Certificate of Designation and the LPA Amendment (each as defined below) is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On April 14, 2015, in connection with the previously disclosed offering by Atlas Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership) of its newly-created 10.75% Class E cumulative redeemable perpetual preferred units (the Class E Units), the Partnership entered into a Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences and Relative, Participating, Optional, and Other Special Rights and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof (the Certificate of Designation) for the Class E Units. Also on April 14, 2015, in connection with its entry into the Certificate of Designation, the Partnership adopted Amendment No. 6 to its Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the LPA Amendment) to, among other things, include the Class E Units as authorized preferred units under its partnership agreement.

The Partnership will pay cumulative distributions in cash on the Class E Units on a quarterly basis, at an annual rate of \$2.6875 per unit, or 10.75% of the liquidation preference. The Class E Units rank senior to the Partnership's common units and Class C Preferred Units with respect to the payment of distributions and distributions upon a liquidation event and pari passu with the Partnership's Class B Preferred Units and Class D Preferred Units. The Class E Units have no stated maturity and are not subject to mandatory redemption or any sinking fund and will remain outstanding indefinitely unless repurchased or redeemed by the Partnership or converted into its common units in connection with a change of control.

At any time on or after April 15, 2020, the Partnership may, at its option, redeem the Class E Units, in whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, whether or not declared. In addition, the Partnership may redeem the Class E Units following certain changes of control, as described in the Certificate of Designation. If the Partnership does not exercise this redemption option upon a change of control, then holders of the Class E Units will have the option to convert the Class E Units into a number of Partnership common units per Class E Unit as set forth in the Certificate of Designation. If the Partnership exercises any of its redemption rights relating to the Class E Units, the holders of such Class E Units will not have the conversion right described above with respect to the Class E Units called for redemption.

The foregoing summary of the LPA Amendment and the Certificate of Designation does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the LPA Amendment and the Certificate of Designation, filed as Exhibits 3.1 and 4.1, respectively, to this Current Report, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(b) Shell Company Transactions.

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits

- 3.1 Amendment No. 6 to Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Atlas Resource Partners, L.P., dated as of April 14, 2015⁽¹⁾
- 4.1 Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences and Relative, Participating, Optional, and Other Special Rights and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions thereof of Class E Preferred Units, dated as of April 14, 2015⁽¹⁾
- 5.1 Opinion of Ledgewood, P.C.
- 8.1 Opinion of Ledgewood, P.C. as to certain tax matters
- 23.1 Consent of Ledgewood, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.2 Consent of Ledgewood, P.C. (included in Exhibit 8.1)

(1) Previously filed as an exhibit to the Partnership's Form 8-A filed on April 14, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 14, 2015

ATLAS RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Atlas Energy Group, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Sean P. McGrath

Name: Sean P. McGrath

Its: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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