

Rice Midstream Partners LP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Rice Energy Inc.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Rice Midstream Partners LP [RMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 WOODCLIFF DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2014

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

CANONSBURG, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|---|-----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common units representing limited partnership interests | 12/22/2014 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,623 | A | 11 | 3,623 | I | See Footnotes (1) (3) |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Subordinated units representing limited partner interests | (2) | 12/22/2014 | | J(1) | 28,753,623 | (2) (2) | Common units representing limited partner interests |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rice Energy Inc. 400 WOODCLIFF DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | | X | | |
| Rice Energy Appalachia, LLC 400 WOODCLIFF DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | | X | | |
| Rice Midstream Holdings LLC 400 WOODCLIFF DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ William E. Jordan, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Rice Energy Inc. | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ William E. Jordan, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Rice Energy Appalachia, LLC | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ William E. Jordan, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Rice Midstream Holdings LLC | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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In connection with the initial public offering of the Issuer's common units representing limited partner interests ("Common Units"), pursuant to that certain Contribution Agreement, by and among the Issuer, Rice Midstream Holdings LLC ("Rice Midstream Holdings") and other parties thereto, dated December 22, 2014, Rice Midstream Holdings contributed certain assets to the Issuer and received in exchange 3,623 Common Units and 28,753,623 subordinated units representing limited partner interests in the Issuer ("Subordinated Units").

(1) The Subordinated Units have no expiration date and will convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis at the end of the

(2) "subordination period" described in the Issuer's Prospectus (File No. 333-199932) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2014.

This Form 4 is being filed jointly by Rice Midstream Holdings, Rice Energy Appalachia LLC ("REA") and Rice Energy Inc. ("Rice Energy"). The securities of the Issuer are owned directly by Rice Midstream Holdings. REA directly owns 100% of the outstanding membership interests in Rice Midstream Holdings and Rice Energy Inc. directly owns 100% of the outstanding membership interests in REA. Accordingly, Rice Energy and REA may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of the securities of the Issuer held by Rice Midstream Holdings.

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