FARRELL EDWARD J

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FARRELL EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. [AB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2012

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

SVP, Controller & CAO

C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE **AMERICAS**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/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

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1.Title of 3. 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

by rabbi trust under employee

1,376 $F^{(2)}$ 46,042 ^{(2) (3)} I

incentive compensation award

program

owner. of lp interests (1)

units rep.

assignments

of beneficial 01/31/2012

Holding Units (1)

8.716 (2) D

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. :	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or Or		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				OI Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FARRELL EDWARD J C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

SVP, Controller & CAO

Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by power of attorney

05/17/2012

**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) Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding Units").
- On January 31, 2012, 3,971 Holding Units previously owned by Reporting Person through a rabbi trust under an employee incentive compensation award program were distributed to him. Of these Holding Units, 1,375 Holding Units were withheld for tax purposes and 2,596 Holding Units were delivered to him.
- (3) Total includes 46 Holding Units acquired through quarterly distribution reinvestment.

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