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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

#### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

	Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) Carter, Nick  P.O. Box 2827, 1035 Third Avenue  (Street)			2.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Natural Resource Partners L.P.; NRP  4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  10/21/02  6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)				I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)			
				4.					If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			
				6.					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
	Huntington, WV 25727		o		Director <sub>O</sub>	10% Owner	r	X	Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)		X	Officer (give title	e below)		o	Form filed by More than One Reporting		
				0	Other (specify be President and Cl Officer	,			Person			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2a (Month/Day/Year)	a. Deemed Execution 3 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.	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	·	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Units	10/17/02		P		5,000	A	20.00		5,000		D	
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# Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	, <b>r</b> ,	s, options, convertible		
itle of Derivative 2. Conversion or Exercise ecurity Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3a. Deemed Execution 4 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)
				CodeV (A)(D)
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	Table				d of, or Beneficial convertible securi	Continued	
]	Date Exercisable and 7. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Der Securities Bene Following Rep (Instr. 4)		nip Form of we Security: (I) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
]	Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Amount or Number of Title Shares					
Exp	planation of Responses	S:					
		/s/ Nick Carte	er	10/21/0	02		
	-	**Signature of Rep Person	porting	Date			

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).