

FARRELL EDWARD J

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

(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)  
01/18/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP and Controller

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  
Person

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                                  | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| units rep.<br>assignments<br>of beneficial<br>owner. of lp<br>interests <sup>(1)</sup> | 01/18/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>               |                                                             | A                                    | 10,765<br><sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>                                 | \$<br>19.972<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                     | 48,958                                                                  | I                                                                 |
| Holding<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup>                                                        |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 13,943                                                                                                             | D                                                                       | by rabbi trust<br>under<br>incentive<br>compensation<br>program   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                      | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                     | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| FARRELL EDWARD J<br>C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.<br>1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10105 | SVP and Controller               |

## Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by power of attorney 01/22/2013

\_\_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").

(2) The price set forth in the table is the average of the closing prices of a Holding Unit as reported for New York Stock Exchange composite transactions for the five business day period that commenced on January 14, 2013 and concluded on January 18, 2013. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors granted the award at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 3, 2012. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because the Holding Unit value was not calculated until January 18, 2013.

(3) Reporting Person's 2012 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 10,765 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's incentive compensation award program until they vest and are distributed to the Reporting Person. The award vests, subject to various agreements and restrictive

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covenants set forth in the applicable award agreement, in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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