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| December 27, | 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | UNITED | STATES | | FIES AN ington, D | | | GE CO | OMMISSION | OMB Number: | 3235-0287 | |
| Check this if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may contin <i>See</i> Instruc 1(b). | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 | | | | |
| (Print or Type Re | sponses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Smith A W Pete Jr | | | 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) C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2011 | | | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | |
| NEW VORK | (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 | , N I 10103 | | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I | - Non-Der | ivative Se | ecuriti | es Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Dec (Month/Day/Year) Executi any (Month | | | | 4. Securities Acquired tior(A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)) (A) or | | |) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests ⁽¹⁾ | 05/11/2011 | | | Code V | Amount 2,759 (2) | | Price \$ 21.75 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 8,245 | D | | |

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Holding Unit option (right to buy) | \$ 21.75 | 05/11/2011 | | A | 10,034 | 05/11/2012 <u>(3)</u> | 05/11/2021 | Holding Units (1) | 10,034 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Smith A W Pete Jr C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105 | S X | | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Mona Bhalla, by pwr. of att'y | 12/27/2011 | | | | | | | |
| 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) Reporting Person was awarded 2,759 restricted Holding Units under the AllianceBernstein 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan. Restrictions lapse on all 2,759 Holding Units on May 11, 2014.
- (3) The option vests in thirds on each of May 11, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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