

ANTERO RESOURCES Corp
Form 8-K
September 24, 2015

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **September 23, 2015**

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36120
(Commission File Number)

80-0162034
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1615 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 357-7310**

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Introductory Note

On September 23, 2015, Antero Resources Corporation (**Antero**) completed its previously announced contribution of (i) all of the outstanding limited liability company interests of Antero Water LLC (**Antero Water**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Antero that owns and operates Antero's fresh water distribution assets, to Antero Midstream Partners LP (the **Partnership**) and (ii) all of the assets, contracts, rights, permits and properties owned or leased by Antero and used primarily in connection with the construction, ownership, operation, use or maintenance of Antero's advanced wastewater treatment complex to be constructed in Doddridge County, West Virginia, to Antero Treatment LLC (**Antero Treatment**), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership (collectively, (i) and (ii) are referred to herein as the **Contributed Assets**), pursuant to a Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement, dated as of September 17, 2015 (the **Contribution Agreement**), by and among Antero, the Partnership and Antero Treatment. In consideration for the contribution of the Contributed Assets, the Partnership agreed to pay Antero aggregate consideration of \$1.05 billion, consisting of (i) a cash distribution equal to \$552.45 million, less any indebtedness assumed by the Partnership in connection with the closing of the Transaction (as defined below), and (ii) 23,886,421 common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership (**Common Units**) issued to Antero. In addition, the Partnership has agreed to pay Antero (a) \$125 million in cash if the Partnership's delivered fresh water volumes average 161,000 barrels per day or more between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019 and (b) an additional \$125 million in cash if the Partnership's delivered fresh water volumes average 200,183 barrels per day or more between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020, all in accordance with the terms of the Contribution Agreement. The transactions contemplated by the Contribution Agreement are collectively referred to herein as the **Transaction**. Upon completion of the Partnership's private placement of 12,898,000 Common Units, which closed concurrently with the Transaction, an amount of cash equal to the net proceeds to the Partnership was paid to Antero and the number of Common Units issued to Antero was reduced by an equivalent number to that issued in the private placement. Upon completion of the Transaction and the private placement, and subject to certain adjustments, the total consideration paid by the Partnership to Antero was approximately \$794 million, less approximately \$171 million of indebtedness assumed by the Partnership, and 10,988,421 Common Units, plus the potential earn-out payments described above. As a result of the Transaction, the Partnership now owns all of Antero's fresh water distribution and wastewater treatment assets (the **Water Assets**). In connection with the Transaction, commitments under the Partnership's revolving credit facility were increased by \$500 million. Pro forma for the Transaction and increase in commitments under the Partnership's revolving credit facility, Antero would have had approximately \$4.3 billion of consolidated liquidity as of June 30, 2015.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Water Services Agreement

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, on September 23, 2015, Antero entered into a Water Services Agreement (the **Water Services Agreement**) with Antero Water, whereby Antero Water has agreed to provide certain fluid handling services to Antero within an area of dedication in defined service areas in Ohio and West Virginia, and Antero has agreed to pay monthly fees to Antero Water for all fluid handling services provided by Antero Water in accordance with the terms of the Water Services Agreement. The initial term of the Water Services Agreement is twenty years from the date thereof and from year to year thereafter. Under the Water Services Agreement, Antero will pay a fixed fee of \$3.685 per barrel in West Virginia and \$3.635 per barrel in Ohio for freshwater deliveries by pipeline directly to the well site, subject to annual CPI adjustments. In addition, Antero has committed to pay a fee on a minimum volume of freshwater deliveries in calendar years 2016 through 2019. Minimum volume commitments are 90,000 barrels per day in 2016, 100,000 barrels per day in 2017 and 120,000 barrels per day in 2018 and 2019.

Secondment Agreement

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, on September 23, 2015, Antero entered into a Secondment Agreement (the

Secondment Agreement) with the Partnership, Antero Resources Midstream Management LLC,

the general partner of the Partnership (the **General Partner**), Antero Midstream LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership, Antero Water and Antero Treatment, whereby Antero has agreed to provide seconded employees to perform certain operational services with respect to the Partnership's gathering and compression facilities and the Water Assets, and the Partnership has agreed to reimburse Antero for expenditures incurred by Antero in the performance of those operational services. The initial term of the Secondment Agreement is twenty years from November 10, 2014, and from year to year thereafter.

The foregoing description of the Secondment Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Secondment Agreement, which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

Amended and Restated Services Agreement

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, on September 23, 2015, Antero, the Partnership and the General Partner amended and restated their Services Agreement, dated November 10, 2014 (the **Amended and Restated Services Agreement** and, together with the Water Services Agreement and the Secondment Agreement, the **Commercial Agreements**), to remove provisions relating to operational services in support of the Partnership's gathering and compression business (which are now covered by the Secondment Agreement) and provide that Antero will perform certain administrative services for the Partnership and its subsidiaries, and the Partnership will reimburse Antero for expenditures incurred by Antero in the performance of those administrative services.

The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Services Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Amended and Restated Services Agreement, which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

The terms of the Transaction were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of Antero (the **Board**) after the Special Committee of the Board (the **Special Committee**) unanimously recommended that the Board approve the Transaction. The Special Committee, composed of independent members of the Board, retained legal and financial advisors to assist it in evaluating and negotiating the Transaction. In approving the Transaction, the Special Committee based its decisions in part on an opinion from its independent financial advisor that the consideration to be paid by the Partnership was fair to Antero and its subsidiaries and the unaffiliated stockholders of Antero from a financial point of view.

A copy of the Contribution Agreement was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Antero with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 18, 2015 and is incorporated herein by reference. The above description of the Contribution Agreement is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Contribution Agreement. The Contribution Agreement was filed therewith to provide investors with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the parties. In particular, the assertions embodied in the representations and warranties contained in the Contribution Agreement were made as of the date of the Contribution Agreement only and are qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules provided by the parties to each other in connection with the signing of the Contribution Agreement. These disclosure schedules contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the Contribution Agreement. Moreover, certain representations and warranties in the Contribution Agreement may have been used for the purpose of allocating risk between the parties rather than establishing matters of fact. Accordingly, you should not rely on the representations and warranties in the Contribution Agreement as characterizations of the actual statements of fact about the parties.

Relationships

Certain individuals, including officers and directors of Antero and the General Partner, serve as officers and/or directors of more than one of Antero, the Partnership, Antero Treatment and Antero Water. Antero owns 40,929,378 Common Units (including the 10,988,421 Common Units issued to Antero in connection with the closing of the Transaction) and all 75,940,957 subordinated units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership. In addition, certain officers, directors and private equity sponsors of Antero and the General Partner are members of Antero Resources Investment LLC, which owns and controls (and appoints all the directors of) the General Partner, which owns a non-economic general partner interest in the Partnership and all of the Partnership's incentive distribution rights.

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

To the extent required, the information set forth under Introductory Note and Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Contribution Agreement was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Antero with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 18, 2015 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 24, 2015, Antero issued a press release announcing the completion of the Transaction, including entry into the Commercial Agreements. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information included in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet of Antero as of June 30, 2015 and the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income for Antero for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and the year ended December 31, 2014 are included as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.1	Secondment Agreement, dated as of September 23, 2015, by and between Antero Midstream Partners LP, Antero Resources Midstream Management LLC, Antero Midstream LLC, Antero Water LLC, Antero Treatment LLC and Antero Resources Corporation.
10.2	Amended and Restated Services Agreement, dated as of September 23, 2015, by and among Antero Midstream Partners LP, Antero Resources Midstream Management LLC and Antero Resources Corporation.
99.1	Press Release of Antero Resources Corporation issued September 24, 2015.
99.2	Unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

By: */s/ GLEN C. WARREN, JR.*
Glen C. Warren, Jr.
President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 24, 2015

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