

WILLIFORD CHRIS E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLIFORD CHRIS E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
[AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/26/2010

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP/CFO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution 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. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 05/26/2010 | | M | | 40,000 A \$ 0.66 | 192,973 | D |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 05/26/2010 | | F | | 11,046 D \$ 2.39 | 181,927 | D |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | | 18,881 | I 401-K |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.66 | 05/26/2010 | | M | | 40,000 | | 05/26/2004 | 05/26/2010 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 2.09 | | | | | | | 03/16/2011 | 03/16/2020 | Abraxas Common Stock | 60,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.75 | | | | | | | 10/05/2010 | 10/05/2015 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 66,933 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.99 | | | | | | | 03/17/2010 | 03/17/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.6 | | | | | | | 08/28/2011 | 08/28/2017 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 15,233 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 4.59 | | | | | | | 09/13/2009 | 09/13/2015 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.65 | | | | | | | 11/22/2006 | 11/22/2012 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 43,000 |
| | \$ 0.66 | | | | | | | 03/23/2005 | 03/23/2011 | | 20,000 |

Employee
Stock
Option

Abraxas
Petroleum
Common
Stockk

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIFORD CHRIS E 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258 | | | EVP/CFO | |

Signatures

Chris E.
Williford

05/28/2010

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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