

SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|   |         |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III                   |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Sanchez Energy Corp [SN]                           |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 12/13/2011                           | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 1111 BAGBY STREET,Â SUITE 1600            |         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                          |
| HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77002                       |         |          |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |          |                                      | Pres. CEO and Chairman of Bd                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |          |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |          |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 1,000  | I   | See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>                              |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Date        | Expiration | Amount or | or Indirect |
| Exercisable | Date       | Number of | (I)         |
|             |            | Shares    | (Instr. 5)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III<br>1111 BAGBY STREET<br>SUITE 1600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X             | X         | Pres. CEO and Chairman of Bd |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Alfredo Gutierrez, 12/13/2011  
Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This Form 3 is being filed in connection with the Securities and Exchange Commission's declaration of effectiveness of the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Sanchez Energy Corporation, which is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP. As explained further in footnote (2) below, Antonio R. Sanchez, III shares voting and dispositive power over the shares controlled by Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP.

(2) These shares are owned directly by Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP. Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP is controlled by its general partner, SEP Management I, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation. Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation is managed by A.R. Sanchez, Jr. and Antonio R. Sanchez, III. Antonio R. Sanchez, III shares voting and dispositive power over the shares controlled by Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP. Antonio R. Sanchez, III disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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