

WILLIFORD CHRIS E
 Form 4
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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)
03/16/2010

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09	03/16/2010	A	60,000					03/16/2011 ⁽¹⁾	03/16/2020	Abraxas Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75								10/05/2010	10/05/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	66,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99								03/17/2010	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6								08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	15,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59								09/13/2009	09/13/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	100,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65								11/22/2006	11/22/2012	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	43,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66								03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66								05/26/2005	05/26/2010	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stockk	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIFORD CHRIS E 18803 MEISNER DRIVE			EVP/CFO	

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

Signatures

Chris E.
Williford

03/26/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year after grant.

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