

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
 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 *
 POWELL PAUL A

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)
 09/15/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 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 (D) or Price (A)		
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	09/15/2009		A		2,027	A	\$ 1.48 53,787 D
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock						I	9,000 Westpoint
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock						I	14,049 JWM

Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 4,228 I Mech. Development

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)

Table with columns for Title of Derivative Security, Conversion or Exercise Price, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Code, Number of Securities, Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, Price of Derivative Security, and others.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns for Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Includes entry for POWELL PAUL A.

Signatures

PAUL A POWELL, JR. 09/16/2009
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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