#### ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

August 30, 2007

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

WENDEL STEPHEN T Issuer Symbol ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP (Check all applicable) [ABP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 500 N LOOP 1604 E 08/28/2007 VP - Land & Marketing (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Abraxas Petroleum 08/28/2008 5.110 \$0 D Α Α 81,672 Common Stock Abraxas Petroleum 401(K) 68,859 I Common Plan Stock

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ | ate                | 7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4 | ecurities                           |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                          | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option                         | \$ 3.6  | 08/28/2007                              |   | A                                      | 15,330  | <u>(1)</u>                                   | 08/28/2017         | Abraxas<br>Petroleum<br>Common<br>Stock      | 15,330                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Penerting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Penerting Owner Name / Address | Keiations     |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WENDEL STEPHEN T 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

VP - Land & Marketing

### **Signatures**

Steven T. 08/30/2007 Wendel

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) The options vest in 25% increments each year for four years, with the first increment vesting on 8/28/2008.

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