

CASPERSON JAMES R  
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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 \*  
CASPERSON JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP & CFO

DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/14/2012		A	40,000 A \$ 15.04	69,169 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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)**

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Table with 10 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 9).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Entry for CASPERSON JAMES R, C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400, DENVER, CO 80202, Executive VP & CFO.

Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber, Attorney-in-Fact, 06/18/2012
\*\*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).
Includes (i) 2,900 shares of common stock, (ii) 26,269 shares of common stock issued as restricted stock subject to a three-year vesting schedule with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of December 20, 2011 and (iii) 40,000 shares of common stock issued as restricted stock subject to a three-year vesting schedule with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of February 15, 2012.

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