WENDEL STEPHEN T
Form 4
October 08, 2009

# FORM 4

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WENDEL STEPHEN T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Street)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP [AXAS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/05/2009

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

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

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Land and Contracts

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10/05/2009 | | A | | 28,772 | A | (1) (3) | 148,262 | D | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | | | | 90,967 | I | 401-K |

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 (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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 1.75 | 10/05/2009 | | A | | 66,937 | | 10/05/2010 | 10/05/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 66,937 |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 0.66 | | | | | | | 03/23/2005 | 03/23/2011 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 0.65 | | | | | | | 11/22/2006 | 11/22/2016 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 17,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 4.59 | | | | | | | 09/13/2009 | 09/13/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 3.6 | | | | | | | 08/28/2011 | 08/28/2017 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 15,330 |
| Employee Stock Option | $ 0.99 | | | | | | | (4) | 03/17/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 50,000 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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VP - Land and Contracts

# Signatures

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|---|---|
| Stephen T. Wendel | 10/08/2009 |
| **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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**(1)** Received in exchange for 2,500 restricted units and 4,270 phantom units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. in connection with the merger of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. into Abraxas Merger Sub,LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Abraxas Petroleum Corporation (the "Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Abraxas Petroleum Corporations' common stock was $1.75.

**(2)** Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee unit option for 15,750 units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P.

**(3)** These securities and options vest over varioius periods.

**(4)** Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year after grant.

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