

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BILLINGSLEY LEE T**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**500 N LOOP 1604 E**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/28/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President - Exploration**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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) Price  |   |  |   |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock | 08/28/2007                           |  | A                              | 5,514 A \$0   | 83,454  | D  |   |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,500   | I  | Retirement Account                                    |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,459  | I  | 401(K) Plan   |

Corporation  
Common  
Stock

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 Options                     | \$ 3.6   | 08/28/2007                           |  | A                              | 16,543  | <sup>(1)</sup> 08/28/2017                                | Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock                    | 16,543                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| BILLINGSLEY LEE T<br>500 N LOOP 1604 E<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 |               |           | Vice President - Exploration |       |

## Signatures

Lee T.  
Billingsley 08/30/2007

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

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