

WENDEL STEPHEN T

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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See Instruction  
1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WENDEL STEPHEN T2. 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)  
10/05/2009\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

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4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10/05/2009		A	28,772 A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> 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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## Signatures

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Received in exchange for 2,500 restricted units and 4,270 phantom units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. in connection with the merger
- (1) 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 Corporation's 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 various periods.
- (4) Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year after grant.

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