ARENA RESOURCES INC

Form 4

September 20, 2006

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

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

Number: January 31, Expires:

10% Owner

Other (specify

2005

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rochford Living Trust Lloyd Timothy Rochford, Trustee

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

> > (Street)

(State)

(Zip)

5 CLANCY LANE SOUTH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARENA RESOURCES INC [ARD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2006

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President, CEO

Person

Dominative Committies Asserted Disposed of an Donoficially O

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

X_ Officer (give title

RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270

| (- 3) | () | 1 ab | ie i - Non-i | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | rea, Disposea of | or Beneficial | ly Ownea |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securit | ies Ac | quired (A) | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | omr Dispos | ed of (| (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | Form: | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Direct (D) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | or Indirect | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | () | | Reported | (I) | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/18/2006 | 09/18/2006 | S | 40,000 | D | \$ 35.008 | 947,700 (1) | 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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| 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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities | 32 (2) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option | \$ 3.7 | | | | | 04/01/2004 | 10/01/2008 | Common Stock | 125,000 (2) | |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.3 | | | | | 01/02/2006 | 01/02/2010 | Common Stock | 125,000 (2) | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Rochford Living Trust Lloyd Timothy Rochford, Trustee | V | | President, | | | |
| 5 CLANCY LANE SOUTH | X | | CEO | | | |

Signatures

Lloyd Timothy
Rochford

**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 common stock reported in Table I, Colum 5, is owned in the name of the Rochford Living Trust, of which Lloyd T. Rochford is the Trustee and beneficial owner.
- (2) Options are exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares, per year, over five years. The options are currently held by Lloyd Timothy Rochford, individually.

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