

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 POWELL PAUL A

2. 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)
 05/04/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.9 | 05/04/2012 | 05/04/2022 | A | | | 12,000 | | 05/04/2012 | 05/04/2022 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.13 | | | | | | | | 05/05/2011 | 05/05/2021 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.36 | | | | | | | | 05/19/2010 | 05/19/2020 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 1.06 | | | | | | | | 05/21/2009 | 05/21/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 0.99 | | | | | | | | 03/17/2010 | 03/17/2019 | Abraxas Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.32 | | | | | | | | 06/26/2007 | 06/26/2017 | Abraxas Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.59 | | | | | | | | 09/13/2005 | 09/13/2015 | Abraxas Common Stock | 45,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.51 | | | | | | | | 05/25/2006 | 05/25/2016 | Abraxas Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.5 | | | | | | | | 05/21/2008 | 05/21/2008 | Abraxas Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.75 | | | | | | | | 06/01/2005 | 06/01/2015 | Abraxas Common Stock | 10,000 |

