

WILLIFORD CHRIS E
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLIFORD CHRIS E

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)
10/05/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP/CFO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10/05/2009		A		28,772	A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> 152,973
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					15,005	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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75	10/05/2009		A		66,937		10/05/2010	10/05/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	66,937
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99							⁽⁴⁾	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6							08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	15,230
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59							09/13/2009	09/13/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65							11/22/2006	11/22/2012	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	43,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66							03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66							05/26/2005	05/26/2010	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	40,000

