

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 CARTER HAROLD D

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)
 11/16/2006

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

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)
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	11/16/2006		A	826	A	\$ 3.63	8,826	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock							18,098	I	Retirement Account
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock							7,577	I	Family Trust

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Director Stock Option	(1)					(2)	(3)	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	87,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER HAROLD D 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232	X			

Signatures

Harold D. Carter 11/20/2006
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Exercise prices range from \$1.01 - \$4.51.
- (2) All options are exercisable.
- (3) Certain options expire on various dates from 3/25/2008 through 9/15/2013 or 36 months after the Director retires from the Board, or earlier in the event of death or termination.

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