AIKEN CHARLES S

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AIKEN CHARLES S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC [BKI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) TECHNOLOG	3. Date of (Month/D) 07/24/20	•	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Self-cert (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP Energy/Sustainability				
	(Street) 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				
MEMPHIS,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or))	Securities Form: Direct Inc Beneficially (D) or Be Owned Indirect (I) Ov		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/24/2012			A(1)	1,710	A	\$ 0	60,036	D		
Common Stock	07/24/2012			A(2)	4,441	A	\$0	64,477	D		
Common Stock								14,721	I	By Trust	

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Paralama				Code V	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 29.39	07/24/2012		A	2,933	07/24/2013(3)	07/24/2022	Common Stock	2,933

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AIKEN CHARLES S BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112

Sr VP Energy/Sustainability

Signatures

Buy)

Charles S. 07/26/2012

**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) Restricted Stock ("RS") issued pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan; the RS will vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The Performance Shares vest on June 30, 2015 upon achievement of certain performance criteria based on total shareholder return ("TSR") from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 (the "Performance Period"). If the Company's TSR is in the 25th percentile of its Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period (the "Threshold"), then 25% of the Performance Shares will vest. If the Company's TSR is above the Threshold, but at or below the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 25% of

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the Performance Shares plus an additional 1% of the Performance Shares for each full percentile that the Company's TSR exceeds the 25th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR is above the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, but below the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 50% of the Performance Shares plus an additional 2% of the Performance Shares for each full percentile that the Company's TSR exceeds the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR equals or exceeds the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period (the "Target"), then 100% of the Performance Shares will vest.

(3) Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of grant date.

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