Newman James F. Form 4 March 22, 2012

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Newman James F. Issuer Symbol BASIC ENERGY SERVICES INC (Check all applicable) [BAS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 500 W. ILLINOIS, SUITE 100 03/20/2012 Group VP-Permian Business Unit (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MIDLAND, TX 79701 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect

(Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 4,560 Common \$ D

03/20/2012 F D 100,813 (1) 18.09 Stock

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)

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Newman James F. 500 W. ILLINOIS, SUITE 100

Group VP-Permian Business Unit

Signatures

(1)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

/s/ Cody Bissett,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/22/2012

**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).

In connection with the vesting of shares of restricted stock pursuant to the Fourth Amended and Restated Basic Energy Services, Inc. 2003 Incentive Plan, the issuer withheld vested shares and agreed to satisfy the executive's withholding tax obligations in lieu of cash. The number of vested shares withheld was based on the closing price per share on March 20, 2012. The withholding of vested shares pursuant to this award was approved by the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of the issuer, and the number of shares indicated in this Form 4 were acquired as treasury stock by the issuer.

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