#### ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

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ABRAXAS PETROLEUM

COMMON STOCK 11/12/2008

#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading POWELL PAUL A Issuer Symbol ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP (Check all applicable) [AXAS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 18803 MEISNER DRIVE 11/12/2008 (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 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect Code Beneficially Form: Beneficial (D)

(Instr. 8)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Owned

Following

Reported

45,900

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D)

(A)

or

2,189 A \$ 1.37

Price

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

(I)

D

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
POWELL PAUL A							
18803 MEISNER DRIVE	X						
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258							

# **Signatures**

PAUL A
POWELL, JR.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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