

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

August 30, 2007

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BILLINGSLEY LEE T**

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)  
**08/28/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President - Exploration

**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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Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock	08/28/2007		A		5,514	A	\$ 0 83,454
Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock						I	2,500 Retirement Account
Abraxas Petroleum						I	13,459 401(K) Plan

Corporation  
Common  
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)

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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 3.6	08/28/2007		A		16,543		<u>(1)</u>	08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock	16,543

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BILLINGSLEY LEE T 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232	Vice President - Exploration

## Signatures

Lee T.  
Billingsley 08/30/2007  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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).

(1) The options vest in 25% increments each year for four years. with the first increment vesting on 8/28/2008.

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