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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WATT JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

08/07/2012

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 - 17TH STREET, SUITE

(Street)

1400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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DENVER, CO 80202

(City)

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price

\$0

(1)

Code V Amount

Common Stock

08/07/2012

3,606

3,606

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amount Underly Securiti	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
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WATT JAMES A C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC. 410 - 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400 DENVER, CO 80202



Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber, Attorney-in-Fact

08/09/2012

**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).
- (1) Shares have been issued in the form of restricted stock subject to vesting with 100% of such shares vesting on the day prior to the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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