

ARENA RESOURCES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
McCabe Family Trust Stanley
McCabe, Trustee

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5922 S. ATLANTA PLACE

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARENA RESOURCES INC [ARD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

07/09/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/09/2008	07/09/2008	M		50,000	A	\$ 1.85
					300,000	(1)	D

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. 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)	8. P			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 4.15							01/02/2006	07/02/2010	Common Stock	250,000 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 19.23							01/22/2008	07/22/2012	Common Stock	150,000 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 37.85							12/17/2008	06/17/2013	Common Stock	25,000 <u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McCabe Family Trust Stanley McCabe, Trustee
5922 S. ATLANTA PLACE
TULSA, OK 74105

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Signatures

Stanley Myron
McCabe 07/11/2008

__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 common stock reported in Table I, Column 5, is owned in the name of the McCabe Family Trust, of which Stanley McCabe is the Trustee and beneficial owner.

(2) Options are exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares, per year, over five years. The options are currently held by Stanley McCabe, individually.

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