

Serota Jeffrey
Form 4
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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 *
Serota Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ARES MANAGEMENT LLC, 2000
AVENUE OF THE STARS, 12TH
FLOOR

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC [SD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/08/2012

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)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	07/08/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (1) (2) (3) 3,175 D \$ 0	74,045 (2) (3)	D	
Common Stock	07/09/2012		J	(A) or (D) Amount (1) (2) (3) 5,491 D \$ 0	68,554 (2) (3)	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)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Gaye A. Wilkerson, Power of
Attorney

07/10/2012

**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).

The transaction reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 8, 2011, pursuant to
(1) which the reporting person has transferred such shares to Ares Management LLC (Ares Management). The trading plan related to the requirements described in footnotes (2) and (3) below.

Jeffrey Serota is associated with Ares Management and certain entities managed by or affiliated with Ares Management (together with Ares Management, the Ares Entities). Pursuant to the policies of the Ares Entities, Mr. Serota holds these securities as a nominee on behalf of, and for the sole benefit of, Ares Management and has assigned all economic, pecuniary and voting rights in respect of these
(2) securities to Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares issued in his name, including shares that previously vested, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Serota is the beneficial owner of, or has any interest in, any such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

(3) Amounts reported in this Form 4 do not include any securities of the Issuer held by Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund II, L.P. (ACOF II), Ares SandRidge L.P. (Ares SandRidge) and Ares SandRidge 892 Investors, L.P. (together with Ares SandRidge, the ACOF II AIVs), each of which is indirectly controlled by Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer held

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