

WILLIFORD CHRIS E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WILLIFORD CHRIS E

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)  
04/04/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP/CFO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |  |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock |                                      |  |                                |   | 84,271  | D  |  |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,934 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | 401-K                                      |

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. P. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |  |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable                             | Expiration Date | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option                      | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (3)   |  |                 | Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock | 238,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| WILLIFORD CHRIS E<br>500 N LOOP 1604 E<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 |               |           | Executive VP/CFO |       |

## Signatures

Chris E. Williford 04/04/2007

\*\*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) Conversion prices range from \$0.65 - \$4.59
- (2) All except 75,000 options are currently exercisable. The remaining 75,000 vest from 9/13/2007 - 9/13/2009.
- (3) Options expire at various dates through 9/13/2015.
- (4)

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Between January 1 and March 31, 2007, the reporting person acquired 2,737 shares of ABP common stock under the ABP 401(K) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 31, 2007.

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