

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BURKE FRANKLIN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
 [AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 18803 MEISNER DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/05/2009

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| ABRAXAS PETROLEUM COMMON STOCK | | | | | 2,458,152 | D | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10/05/2009 | | A | | 151,784 | A | 151,784 |
| | | | | | | I | Venture Securities Corp. Pension Trust |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10/05/2009 | | A | | 151,784 | A | 151,784 |
| | | | | | | I | Venture Securities Corp. |

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- Received in exchange for 35,714 common units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. in connection with the merger of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. into Abraxas Merger Sub, LLC, wholly owned subsidiary of Abraxas Petroleum Corporation (the "Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Abraxas Petroleum Corporation's common stock was \$1.75 per share.

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