

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.  
 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Buchanon Anthony G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/15/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2013                           |  | F                              |   | 2,661<br>(1)  | D  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 38.16  |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 28,742 (2)  | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Shares                         | (3)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 12/31/2015   | Common Stock  | 2,134 (3)                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| Buchanon Anthony G<br>C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC.<br>410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400<br>DENVER, CO 80202 |               |           | EVP and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber as  
Attorney-in-Fact 08/15/2013

\_\_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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations upon vesting of restricted common stock.
  - (2) Includes (i) 5,673 shares of common stock and (ii) 23,069 shares of restricted common stock subject to vesting.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that number of shares of common stock. The amount listed (3) represents what the Reporting Person would receive at the target or 100% level. The performance shares vest upon continued employment and achievement of certain predetermined performance goals.

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