

Starzer Michael R  
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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 \*  
 Starzer Michael R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2012

(Street)  
 DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)	Price		
			Code	V Amount (D)			
Common Stock	09/20/2012		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 42,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D \$ 0	454,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock						1,811,903 <sup>(3)</sup>	I
Common Stock						98,067	I
							By the BCEC Investment Trust
							By the Starzer Revocable Trust

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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
Starzer Michael R C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC. 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400 DENVER, CO 80202	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber as  
Attorney-in-Fact  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

09/21/2012  
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 a charitable gift to Colorado School of Mines to support student scholarships.  
454,600 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Starzer, of which 109,458 shares were issued as restricted stock with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of December 20, 2011 and 70,000 shares were issued as restricted stock with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of February 15, 2012.
- (3) 1,811,903 shares of common stock held by the BCEC Investment Trust, for which Mr. Starzer serves as sole trustee. Mr. Starzer disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the BCEC Investment Trust in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.

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