

FRONTIER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO LLC  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. \*)

**ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP.**

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCKS

(Title of Class of Securities)

003830106

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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(1) Name of reporting persons

IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

FRONTIER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO., LLC.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a) " (b) "

(3) SEC use only

(4) Citizenship or place of organization

DELAWARE

(5) Sole voting power  
Number of

shares

beneficially 2,884,070  
(6) Shared voting power

owned by

each (7) Sole dispositive power

reporting

person 4,700,830  
(8) Shared dispositive power

with

(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

4,700,830

(10) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares (see instructions)

(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

5.0980%

(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)

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ITEM 1.

(a) Name of Issuer: ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
18803 Meisner Drive

San Antonio, TX 78258

ITEM 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing: FRONTIER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO., LLC

(b) Address of Principal Business Office: 99 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(c) Citizenship: DELAWARE

(d) Title of Class of Securities: COMMON STOCKS

(e) CUSIP Number: 003830106

ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to rule 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)
- (h)  A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j)  Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

(a) Amount beneficially owned:  
4,700,830

(b) Percent of class:  
5.0980%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote.  
2,884,070

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.  
4,700,830

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following "":

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

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ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH  
ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

DATED:  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

By: /s/ William J. Ballou  
Name: William Ballou  
Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER & GENERAL COUNSEL

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