

Sanchez Energy Corp
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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 *
 SANCHEZ ANTONIO R JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1111 BAGBY STREET, SUITE 1800
 (Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sanchez Energy Corp [SN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Exec. Chairman of the BOD

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2012 | | A | | 300,000 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 158,250 | I | By Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,019,333 | I | By San Juan Oil & Gas No. 2, Ltd. (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,019,333 | I | By Sanexco, Ltd. (4) |

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|--------------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 113,366 | I | By SEP Management I, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | 1,232,856 | I | By Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation ⁽⁶⁾ |

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SANCHEZ ANTONIO R JR 1111 BAGBY STREET SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X | X | Exec. Chairman of the BOD | |

Signatures

/s/ Alfredo Gutierrez,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/20/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents a grant of restricted stock the reporting person received from Sanchez Energy Corporation.

These shares are owned directly by Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP ("SEP I"). SEP I is controlled by its general partner, SEP Management I, LLC ("SEP Management"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation ("SOG"). SOG is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. and Antonio R. Sanchez, III. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SEP I. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(3) These shares are owned directly by San Juan Oil & Gas No. 2, Ltd. ("San Juan"). San Juan is controlled by its general partner, Sanchez Management Corporation ("SMC"), which is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by San Juan. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(4) These shares are owned directly by Sanexco, Ltd. ("Sanexco"). Sanexco is controlled by its general partner, SMC, which is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Sanexco. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(5) These shares are owned directly by SEP Management. SEP Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SOG. SOG is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. and Antonio R. Sanchez, III. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SEP Management. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(6) These shares are owned directly by SOG. SOG is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. and Antonio R. Sanchez, III. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SOG. A. R. Sanchez, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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