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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/28/2013

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

President & CEO

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DENVER, CO 80202

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/28/2013 | | A | | 24,910 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 391,957 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,602,753 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Bonanza Creek Oil Company, LLC |
| Common Stock | | | | | 98,067 | I | By the Starzer Revocable Trust |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance Shares | (3) | 03/28/2013 | | A | 8,303 | (3) 12/31/2015 | Common Stock 8,303 |

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
Date: 03/29/2013

**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) Includes (i) 290,923 shares of common stock and (ii) 101,034 shares of restricted common stock subject to vesting.
- (2) 1,602,753 shares of common stock held by Bonanza Creek Oil Company, LLC ("BCOC"), for which Mr. Starzer serves as a co-manager. Mr. Starzer disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the BCOC in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.

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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