

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â D. E. Shaw Synoptic Portfolios 5, L.L.C.			(Month/Day/Year)	Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/14/2011		
1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS,Â NINTH FLOOR			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10036			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) See footnotes 1 and 2.		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	3,763,908	D <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
D. E. Shaw Synoptic Portfolios 5, L.L.C. 1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NINTH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	^	^ X	^	See footnotes 1 and 2.
D. E. SHAW & CO, L.P. 1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NINTH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	^	^ X	^	See footnotes 1 and 2.
D. E. SHAW & CO, L.L.C. 1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NINTH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	^	^ X	^	See footnotes 1 and 2.
SHAW DAVID E 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET 39TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	^	^ X	^	See footnotes 1 and 2.

## Signatures

/s/ Nathan Thomas, Authorized Signatory, D. E. Shaw Synoptic Portfolios 5, L.L.C.	12/14/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Nathan Thomas, Chief Compliance Officer, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.	12/14/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Nathan Thomas, Authorized Signatory, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.	12/14/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Nathan Thomas, Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw	12/14/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

The securities reported in this Form 3 are directly held by D. E. Shaw Synoptic Portfolios 5, L.L.C. ("Synoptic"). D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. ("DESCO LP"), as investment adviser to Synoptic; D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. ("DESCO LLC"), as manager of Synoptic; and Mr. David

(1) E. Shaw ("David E. Shaw") (as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of DESCO LP, and as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of DESCO LLC) may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the securities reported in this Form 3 for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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In accordance with instruction 5(b)(iv), the entire number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Synoptic, DESCO LP, and DESCO LLC is reported herein. Each of DESCO LP, DESCO LLC, and David E. Shaw disclaims any beneficial ownership of any security listed in this Form 3, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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