

Sanchez Energy Corp
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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 *
 SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III

(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)
 President and CEO

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 (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2012 | | A | | 200,000 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 158,250 | I | By Sanchez Energy Partners I, LP (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 113,366 | I | By SEP Management I, LLC (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,232,856 | I | By Sanchez Oil & Gas |

Corporation
(4)

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 Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 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 |
| SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III 1111 BAGBY STREET, SUITE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Alfredo Gutierrez,
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

12/20/2012
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 grant of restricted stock the reporting person received from Sanchez Energy Corporation.
 - (2) 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. Antonio R. Sanchez, III may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SEP I. Antonio R. Sanchez, III disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest

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therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership by Antonio R. Sanchez, III of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

- 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. Antonio R. Sanchez, III may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the
- (3) shares held by SEP Management. Antonio R. Sanchez, III 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 Antonio R. Sanchez, III of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

- These shares are owned directly by SOG. SOG is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. and Antonio R. Sanchez, III. Antonio R. Sanchez, III may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SOG. Antonio R. Sanchez, III disclaims beneficial
- (4) 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 Antonio R. Sanchez, III of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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