

Serota Jeffrey  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Serota Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ARES MANAGEMENT LLC, 2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC [SD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/08/2010

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) Price  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/08/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 12,685<br>(1) (2) (3)   | A  | \$ 0 46,191 (2) (3) D             |

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)**

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| 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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Serota Jeffrey<br>ARES MANAGEMENT LLC<br>2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS, 12TH FLOOR<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Gaye A. Wilkerson, Power of Attorney  
 01/12/2010  
 \*\*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) Shares of Restricted Stock granted on January 8, 2010, which shall vest twenty-five percent on the 8th day of January in each of the years 2011, 2012, 2013 an 2014.

(2) The Securities reported herein are held by Mr. Serota for the benefit of Ares Management LLC, a private investment management firm, and certain entities managed by or affiliated with Ares Management (together with Ares Management, the Ares Entities). Mr. Serota is associated with Ares Management and certain of the other Ares Entities. Pursuant to the policies of the Ares Entities, Mr. Serota holds these securities as a nominee on behalf of, and for the sole benefit of, Ares Management and has assigned all economic, pecuniary and voting rights in respect of these securities to Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities (except to the extent of an pecuniary interest therein) and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Serota is the beneficial owner of, or has any interest in, any securities not directly owned by Mr. Serota for purposes of Sect 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

(3) Amounts reported in this Form 4 do not include any securities of the Issuer held by Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund II, L.P. (ACOF II), Ares SandRidge L.P. (Ares SandRidge), Ares SandRidge 892 Investors, L.P. (Ares 892 Investors) and Ares SandRidge Co-Invest, LLC (together with Ares SandRidge and Ares 892 Investors, the ACOF II AIVs), each of which is indirectly held by Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer directly and indirectly controlled by Ares Management held by ACOF II and the ACOF II AIVs, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The amounts reported herein shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Serota is the beneficial owner of, or has any interest in, any such securities not directly owned by Mr. Serota for purpose of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any other purpose.

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