

Starzer Michael R  
 Form 4  
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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)  
 C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2012

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

DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/20/2012		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	42,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0
Common Stock					454,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,811,903 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By the BCEC Investment Trust
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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## 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

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President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber as  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* 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 charitable gift to Colorado School of Mines to support student scholarships.

(2) 454,600 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Starzer, of which 109,458 shares were issued as restricted stock with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of December 20, 2011 and 70,000 shares were issued as restricted stock with 1/3 of such shares vesting on each anniversary of February 15, 2012.

(3) 1,811,903 shares of common stock held by the BCEC Investment Trust, for which Mr. Starzer serves as sole trustee. Mr. Starzer disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the BCEC Investment Trust in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.

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