

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)
 1000 MAIN STREET, SUITE 3000
 (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)
 02/18/2016

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)

Chief Executive Officer

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	02/18/2016		A		207,654 <u>(1)</u>	A	<u>(1)</u> 946,885 D
Common Stock	02/18/2016		A		403,095 <u>(1)</u>	A	<u>(1)</u> 1,349,980 D
Common Stock					879,472	I	By Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock					371,836	I	By 1988 Trust No. 11 <u>(3)</u>

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock	(4)	02/18/2016		A	403,095	02/18/2019 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/18/2019 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock 40
Phantom Stock	(4)	02/18/2016		A	207,654	02/18/2021 ⁽⁶⁾ 02/18/2021 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock 20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III 1000 MAIN STREET, SUITE 3000 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Antonio R. Sanchez, III 02/22/2016

__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 grant of restricted stock Reporting Person received from the Issuer.

These shares are owned directly by Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation ("SOG"). SOG is managed by A. R. Sanchez, Jr. and Reporting Person. Reporting Person may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SOG. Reporting Person 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 Reporting Person of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(3) These shares are owned directly by 1988 Trust No. 11. Reporting Person is a co-trustee, along with A. R. Sanchez, Jr., a beneficiary of 1988 Trust No. 11. Reporting Person may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by 1988 Trust No. 11.

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- (4) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock").
- (5) Phantom stock is payable only in cash, which vests in equal annual increments over a three year period.
- (6) Phantom stock is payable only in cash, which cliff vests in five years or earlier if the Common Stock closing price equals or exceeds certain benchmarks as set forth in the form of agreement.

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