

SANCHEZ ANTONIO R III
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FORM 4

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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 *
 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)
 04/17/2018

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 04/17/2018 | | A | | 506,231 (1) | A | 1,886,666 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 799,472 | I | By Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 371,836 | I | By 1988 Trust No. 11 (3) |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Phantom Stock | (4) | 04/17/2018 | | A | 506,231 | 04/19/2021 ⁽⁵⁾ 04/19/2021 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock |

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 04/19/2018

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 Reporting Person and other members of the Sanchez family. Reporting Person may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SOG. Reporting

(2) 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.

These shares are owned directly by 1988 Trust No. 11. Reporting Person is a co-trustee, along with A. R. Sanchez, Jr., and 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.

(3) 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.

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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.
- (5) Phantom stock is payable only in cash, which vests in equal annual increments over a three-year period.

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