

CARTER HAROLD D  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CARTER HAROLD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
[ABP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

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

500 N LOOP 1604 E

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

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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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|---|
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^          | ^     | 7,577  | D  | ^   |
| Abraxas Petroleum Corporation   | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^          | ^     | 18,098   | I  | Retirement Account                                    |

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. F. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |  |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|--|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |  |        |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | (A)  | (D)   |  |                            |  |        |
| Director Stock Options                     | Â  | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â  | Â   | Â (2)  | Â (3)                      | Abraxas Petroleum Corporation Common Stock | 85,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARTER HAROLD D<br>500 N LOOP 1604 E<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

Harold D. Carter                      01/20/2006

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Exercise price 1.01-2.75
- (2) Exercisable 6/1/2000 - 6/1/2009
- (3) Expire 6/1/2006 - 9/15/2013

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