Petrelli Anthony Benedict Form 4 June 15, 2009

#### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Petrelli Anthony Benedict Issuer Symbol ARENA RESOURCES INC [ard] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 6250 RAIN DANCE TRAIL 06/15/2009 below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(State)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/15/2009	06/15/2009	M	25,000 A \$ 4.5	27,000 (1)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.675					01/22/2008	07/22/2012	Common Stock	100,000 (1) (2)
Stock Options	\$ 37.85					12/17/2008	06/17/2013	Common Stock	25,000 (2)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Petrelli Anthony Benedict 6250 RAIN DANCE TRAIL LITTLETON, CO 80125	X					

### **Signatures**

Anthony B.
Petrelli

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O6/15/2009

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) Adjusted to reflect a 2 for 1 stock split effective 10/29/07.
- (2) Options are exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares, per year, over five years.

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