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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Terry Phillip	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			ARENA RESOURCES INC [ARD]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
11416 EAST 133RD ST. SOUTH			(Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2010	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BROKEN ARROW, OK 74011			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Darivative Securities Acc	ruired Disposed of ar Repositionally Owner		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curiti	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed c	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	07/16/2010		D	140,000	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	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 (Derivation Security (Instr. 3)	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		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 Option	\$ 37.59	07/16/2010		D		150,000	(2)	06/01/2013	Common Stock	150,000
Stock Option	\$ 19.23	07/16/2010		D		160,000	(3)	07/22/2013	Common Stock	160,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Terry Phillip Wayne							
11416 EAST 133RD ST. SOUTH			President				
BROKEN ARROW, OK 74011							

Signatures

Phillip W. Terry 07/16/2010

**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) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge Energy, Inc. and Steel Subsidiary Corporation in exchange for 668,794 shares of SandRidge common stock and other merger consideration, with an imputed value of \$35.93 per share.
- (2) This "out of the money" option was cancelled pursuant to the merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge Energy, Inc. and Steel Subsidiary Corporation.
- (3) This option was vested and deemed exercised in exchange for 406,766 shares of SandRidge Energy, Inc. common stock pursuant to merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge and Steel Subsidiary Corporation.

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