

SMITH RODGER W JR
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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 *
 SMITH RODGER W JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 NORTH CANAL STREET
 (Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice- President, Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2008 | 12/19/2008 | J V | (A) or (D) Amount 9,781 Price \$ 2.53 | 20,174 | I | 401(k) Account |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,474 | 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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Share |
| 2004 Performance Shares | \$ 13.82 | | | | | 05/05/2005 ⁽²⁾ 07/14/2014 | Common Stock 2,500 |
| 2006 Performance Shares | \$ 15.83 | | | | | 08/21/2006 08/21/2010 | Common Stock 8,800 |
| 2008 Performance Stock Award | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock 6,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.5 | | | | | 09/23/2000 03/23/2010 | Common Stock 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH RODGER W JR 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 | | | Vice-President, Treasurer | |

Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as Attorney-in-fact for
Date: 12/22/2008

*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) The shares were acquired as a result of the reporting person's election to invest in the common stock by liquidating other 401K investments previously owned.

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- (2) Performance Stock awarded July 14, 2004. These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on July 14, 2005.

The number of shares awarded is conditioned based on the achievement of a specified performance target, based upon the price of

- (3) Callon's stock, to be calculated on December 31, 2010. If the performance target is achieved, vesting with respect to the awarded shares will occur on 04/18/2011, the third anniversary following the award date.

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