CALLON FRED L

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

Common

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CALLON FRED L | | | Symbol | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|--|--|---|
| | (Last) | (First) (M | liddle) 3. Date o | f Earliest Tr | ansaction | | (CII | eck all applicab | ie) |
| | | | | Day/Year) | | | _X_ Director | 10 | % Owner |
| 200 NORTH CANAL STREET | | | ` | 09/21/2010 | | | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | | | | | Chairr | man, President, | CEO |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Ame | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Mo | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| | NATCHEZ, | , MS 391203212 | | | | | Form filed by Person | More than One R | Reporting |
| | (City) | (State) (| Zip) Tab | le I - Non-D | erivative S | Securities Acc | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | ally Owned |
| | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4) | • | 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) |

Stock 3.89 Common 401(k) 16,557 (2) I Stock Account By Common Custodian 92,170 I Stock For Child Common 24,904 Ι Spouse Stock

2,939

\$

90,965

D

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2008 Performance Stock Award | \$ 0 (3) | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 23,000 |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units - cash (4) | \$ 1.63 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| 2009 Restricted Stock Units - shares (5) | \$ 1.63 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| 2010 Phantom Shares (6) | \$ 4.95 | | | | | 11/08/2010 | 12/31/2012 | Common Stock | 62,500 |
| 2010 Restricted Stock Units - cash (7) | \$ 4.95 | | | | | 11/08/2010 | 05/07/2013 | Common Stock | 18,750 |
| 2010 Restricted Stock Units - shares (8) | \$ 4.95 | | | | | 11/08/2010 | 05/07/2013 | Common Stock | 106,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.5 | | | | | 01/13/2003 | 07/12/2012 | Common Stock | 18,750 |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$ 3.7 | | | | | 02/24/2003 | 08/23/2012 | Common Stock | 12,625 |

Buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting o mior rumo, radicos | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CALLON FRED L | | | Chairman, | | | | |
| 200 NORTH CANAL STREET | X | | President, | | | | |
| NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 | | | CEO | | | | |

Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as Attorney-in-fact for

09/21/2010

**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) Represents disposition of shares previously reported and subject to certain vesting provisions. Issuer withheld shares to satisfy federal and state withholding tax liability associated with fair market value of securities vested.
- The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's account balance within the Callon (2) Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan (401(k) Plan) on the day prior to this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price per share on that day.
- 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.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units will vest 100% on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in cash based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock of the issuer on the date of vesting.
- (5) Restricted Stock Units will vest 100% on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in shares of common stock of the issuer based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock on the date of vesting.
- This Phantom Share award is subject to vesting on December 31, 2012 and is payable in cash rather than stock. In addition, the award is subject to a variable percentage payout based on a performance criteria related to the Total Shareholder Return of the Company compared to a group of peer companies. Therefore this award can range from 0% to as much as 150% of its original value at the vesting date.
- (7) Restricted Stock Units will vest on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in cash based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock of the issuer on the date of vesting.
- (8) Restricted Stock Units will vest on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in shares of common stock of the issuer based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock on the date of vesting.

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