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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Graham Patrick A

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1500

 (Street)
 DENVER, CO 80202

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP Corp Development

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2011		A	65,674 A	\$ 0 ₍₂₎ 107,391 ⁽³⁾	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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Graham Patrick A 410 17TH STREET SUITE 1500 DENVER, CO 80202			Executive VP Corp Development	

Signatures

Chris Humber as
Attorney-in-Fact 12/20/2011

**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).
 Pursuant to the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of the company, immediately prior to the December 20, 2011 closing of the company's initial public offering of common stock (the "Closing") and after the conversion of the Class B common stock as described in note (2), all of the shares of Class A common stock of the company were reclassified as common stock, all of one class.
- (2) Shares resulting from the conversion of 1,500 shares of Class B common stock immediately prior to the Closing. Such shares are issued as restricted stock subject to a three-year vesting schedule with 1/3 of the shares vesting on each anniversary of the Closing.
- (3) Includes (i) 41,717 shares of common stock and (ii) 65,674 shares of common stock subject to the restrictions set forth in note (2).

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney

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