

Heinson Christopher
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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 *
 Heinson Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 MAIN STREET, SUITE 3000

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sanchez Energy Corp [SN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/16/2018

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)
 SVP and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2018 | | M | | 66,667 | A | ① 639,149 |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2018 | | D | | 66,667 | D | \$ 3.74 572,482 |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2018 | | A | | 186,916 (2) | A | ② 759,398 |
| Common Stock | 04/17/2018 | | S | | 13,203 (3) | D | \$ 3.716 746,195 |

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 04/16/2018 | | M | 66,667 | 04/16/2018 ⁽⁴⁾ 04/16/2018 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Phantom Stock | (5) | 04/17/2018 | | A | 186,916 | 04/19/2021 ⁽⁴⁾ 04/19/2021 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Heinson Christopher 1000 MAIN STREET, SUITE 3000 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | SVP and COO | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher D. Heinson
Date: 04/18/2018
Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The Reporting Person settled his shares of phantom stock for cash.
- (2) Represents a grant of restricted stock Reporting Person received from the Issuer.
- (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan established by the Reporting Person and was used to satisfy the Reporting Person's federal income tax obligations with respect to the vesting of equity awards.
- (4) Phantom stock is payable only in cash, which vests in equal annual increments over a three-year period.
- (5) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

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