

Carter James J
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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 *
 Carter James J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASIC ENERGY SERVICES INC
 [BAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 W. ILLINOIS, SUITE 800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/21/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Secretary

MIDLAND, TX 79701

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/21/2006		M	148,720 A \$ 4	240,200	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2006		F	68,118 D \$ 27.18	172,082	D	

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

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(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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4	03/21/2006		M	148,720	(1) (2)	Common Stock	148,720

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carter James J 400 W. ILLINOIS SUITE 800 MIDLAND, TX 79701			EVP, Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ James J. Carter
03/23/2006
Date

**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) Options to purchase 50,000 shares vested in 1/3 increments on each of January 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Options to purchase 33,250 shares vested in 1/2 increments on each of April 1, 2002 and 2004. Options to purchase 5,470 shares vested on March 31, 2003. Options to purchase 60,000 shares vested in 1/3 increments on each of January 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
 - (2) Options to purchase 88,720 shares were scheduled to expire on August 13, 2011. Options to purchase 60,000 shares were scheduled to expire on May 5, 2013.

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