

Petrelli Anthony Benedict
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Petrelli Anthony Benedict

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6250 RAIN DANCE TRAIL

(Street)

LITTLETON, CO 80125

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

ARENA RESOURCES INC [ARD]

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

07/16/2010

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)

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

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Person

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)
Common Stock	07/16/2010		D	27,000	D 11 0	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.675	07/16/2010		D		100,000		<u>(2)</u>	07/22/2012	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.85	07/16/2010		D		25,000		<u>(3)</u>	06/17/2013	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Petrelli Anthony Benedict 6250 RAIN DANCE TRAIL LITTLETON, CO 80125	X			

Signatures

Anthony B.
Petrelli

07/16/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge Energy, Inc. and Steel Subsidiary Corporation in exchange for 128,981 shares of SandRidge common stock and other merger consideration, with an imputed value of \$35.93 per share.
- (2) This option was vested and deemed exercised in exchange for 262,652 shares of SandRidge Energy, Inc. common stock pursuant to merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge and Steel Subsidiary Corporation.
- (3) This "out of the money" option was cancelled pursuant to the merger agreement among the issuer, SandRidge Energy, Inc. and Steel Subsidiary Corporation.

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