

CALLON FRED L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CALLON FRED L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/18/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman, President, CEO

(Street)  
NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/18/2011	05/18/2011	F	V 6,757 (1) D \$ 6.7	84,014	D	
Common Stock					16,460 (2)	I	401(k) Account
Common Stock					92,170	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock					24,904	I	Spouse

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
2009 Restricted Stock Units - Cash <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1.63					<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	100,000
2009 Restricted Stock Units - Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 1.63					<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	100,000
2010 Phantom Shares <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 4.95					11/08/2010    12/31/2012	Common Stock	62,500
2010 Restricted Stock Units - Cash <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 4.95					11/08/2010    05/07/2013	Common Stock	18,750
2010 Restricted Stock Units - Stock <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 4.95					11/08/2010    05/07/2013	Common Stock	106,250
2011 Phantom Shares <sup>(8)</sup>	\$ 7.01					05/12/2012    12/31/2013	Common Stock	55,000
	\$ 7.01					05/12/2012    05/12/2014		16,500

2011 Restricted Stock Units - Cash <sup>(9)</sup>				Common Stock	
2011 Restricted Stock Units - Stock <sup>(10)</sup>	\$ 7.01	05/12/2012	05/12/2014	Common Stock	93,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.5	01/13/2003	07/12/2012	Common Stock	18,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.7	02/24/2003	08/23/2012	Common Stock	12,625

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALLON FRED L 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 391203212	X		Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

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

Date  
05/19/2011

                \*\*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).
- (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.
- (2) The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's account balance within the Callon 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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

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