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(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Porter J Russell

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Gastar Exploration USA, Inc.

[GST.PR.A]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title below)

X_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650 10/04/2012 below)

President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Check all applicable)

Person

(Street)

(State)

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

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

HOUSTON, TX 77010

(City)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 7. Nature of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

8.625%

Series A Cumulative

Preferred Securities 10/04/2012

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19,552

D

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Yea			Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Porter J Russell 1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650 HOUSTON, TX 77010	X		President				

Signatures

/s/ Michael A. Gerlich, As Attorney in Fact 10/04/2012

**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).

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