

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 08, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**August 7, 2012**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-35371**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**61-1630631**  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

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**410 17th Street, Suite 1400**

**Denver, Colorado 80202**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(720) 440-6100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On August 7, 2012, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. (the Company) elected James A. Watt, 62, as a director of the Company to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Todd A. Overbergen on August 1, 2012. Mr. Watt will serve as a Class I director with a term expiring at the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Mr. Watt has served as director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Dune Energy, Inc. since 2007. Mr. Watt served as the Chief Executive Officer of Remington Oil and Gas Corporation from February 1998 and the Chairman of Remington from May 2003, until Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. acquired Remington in July 2006. From August 2006 through March 2007, Mr. Watt served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Maverick Oil & Gas, Inc. Mr. Watt currently serves on the Board of Directors of Helix. Mr. Watt received a B.S. in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The Board has determined that Mr. Watt is an independent director as defined under the rules and regulations of the Securities Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange. He was also elected to serve on the Compensation Committee and Reserve Committee of the Board. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Watt and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Watt was selected as a director.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On August 8, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Watt to the Board (the Press Release). A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01, including exhibits, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued August 8, 2012



**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.**

Date: August 8, 2012

By:

*/s/ Michael R. Starzer*

Michael R. Starzer

President and Chief Executive Officer

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued August 8, 2012