

SEWARD EDGAR E. JR.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>SEWARD EDGAR E. JR.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>9420 UNDERWOOD AVE., SUITE 100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>OMAHA, NE 68114</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/10/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC. [GPRE]</p> <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>EVP of Plant Operations</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 22,813   | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Title  |   |   |  |

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|                                  | Expiration Date                                    | Amount or Number of Shares | Security       | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Options to purchase common stock | 10/15/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> $\hat{A}$ <sup>(2)</sup> | Common Stock               | 25,000 \$ 5.99 | D $\hat{A}$                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                   |           |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other     |
| SEWARD EDGAR E. JR.<br>9420 UNDERWOOD AVE.<br>SUITE 100<br>OMAHA, NE 68114 | $\hat{A}$     | $\hat{A}$ | $\hat{A}$ EVP of Plant Operations | $\hat{A}$ |

## Signatures

/s/ Edgar E. Seward 03/10/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Date at which first vesting occurs is indicated. One-quarter of the total shares originally subject to the option become exercisable at the grant date and an additional 1/4 become exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereafter.
- (2) Expires upon the earliest of (i) the eighth anniversary of the grant date, (ii) the date of termination for cause or (iii) ninety days after Mr. Seward ceases to be an employee of the Company for any reason other than cause.

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