

CALLON FRED L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CALLON FRED L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 NORTH CANAL STREET

(Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 39120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

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

12/31/2012

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)

Chairman, President, CEO

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2012		M	93,750 A \$4.59	249,177	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012		D	93,750 D \$4.59	155,427	D	
Common Stock					37,876 (2)	I	401(k) Account
Common Stock					25,215	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock					24,904	I	Spouse

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
2010 Phantom Shares	(1)	12/31/2012		M	62,500	12/31/2012 12/31/2012	Common Stock	62,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALLON FRED L 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 39120	X		Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

By: Clay V. Bland as Attorney-in-fact 01/03/2013

\*\*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) The terms of this Phantom Share award specify payment in cash rather than stock, and included a provision providing for a variable percentage payout (ranging from 0% to 150%) based on a performance criteria related to the Total Shareholder Return of the Company compared to a group of peer companies. On December 31, 2012, the reporting person's 2010 Phantom Shares held vested at the 150% level, or the equivalent of 93,750 shares of common stock of Callon Petroleum Company. The amount payable was based on the economic value of one share of Callon Petroleum Company common stock, calculated as the average of the opening and closing price on the vesting date (or \$4.59 on December 31, 2012).
- (2) The number of shares reported are held within the individual's 401(k) account and are invested in the Callon Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan. The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's 401(k) account balance invested in the Callon Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan on the day prior to

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this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price-per-share on that date.

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