

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

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

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2009

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/14/2009	08/14/2009	F	V 2,525 (1) D \$ 1.63	77,249	D	
Common Stock					15,204 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Shares
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		
2009 Restricted Stock Units - cash <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1.63	08/14/2009	08/14/2009	A	V	100,000		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	10
2009 Restricted Stock Units - shares <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 1.63	08/14/2009	08/14/2009	A	V	100,000		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10
2006 Performance Shares	\$ 15.83							08/21/2006	08/21/2010	Common Stock	20
2008 Performance Stock Award	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>							<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	23
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.5							09/23/2000	03/23/2010	Common Stock	11
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.5							01/13/2003	07/12/2012	Common Stock	18
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.7							02/24/2003	08/23/2012	Common Stock	12

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

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CALLON FRED L  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET  
NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

Chairman,  
President,  
CEO

## Signatures

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

08/17/2009

\*\*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) Shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy federal and state tax liabilities associated with the taxable income recognized on the payment date of certain previously vested restricted stock.  

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.  

The number of shares awarded is conditioned based on the achievement of a specified performance target, based upon the price of
- (5) Callon's stock, to be calculated on December 31, 2010. If the performance target is achieved, vesting with respect to the awarded shares will occur on 04/18/2011, the third anniversary following the award date.

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