Backsen Lee B Form 4 August 31, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Backsen Lee B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.

(Check all applicable)

[CXPO]

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 08/26/2011

(Middle)

C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC., 717 TEXAS AVE, SUITE 2900

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| | | , | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/26/2011 | | P | 4,800 | A | \$ 2.4 | 83,093 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/31/2011 | | P | 4,900 | A | \$ 2.62 | 87,993 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title a | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amount | of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underlyi | ng | Security | Secu |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | s | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | and 4) | | Own | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | or | | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | umber | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | of | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | Sh | nares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Backsen Lee B C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC. 717 TEXAS AVE, SUITE 2900 HOUSTON, TX 77002

X

Signatures

John A. Thomas 08/31/2011

**Signature of 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).

Remarks:

This Form has been signed by John A. Thomas on behalf of Mr. Backsen, pursuant to an instrument of power of attorney, date Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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