

SMITH RODGER W JR  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SMITH RODGER W JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

200 NORTH CANAL STREET

12/19/2008

Vice- President, Treasurer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

(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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code V                         | Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2008                           | 12/19/2008   | J V                            | 9,781 (1) A \$ 2.53   | 20,174  | I  | 401(k) Account                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 18,474  | 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 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) |              |                           |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|---------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Share |
| 2004 Performance Shares                    | \$ 13.82   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 07/14/2014  | Common Stock | 2,500                     |
| 2006 Performance Shares                    | \$ 15.83   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/21/2006   | 08/21/2010  | Common Stock | 8,800                     |
| 2008 Performance Stock Award               | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Common Stock | 6,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 10.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/23/2000   | 03/23/2010  | Common Stock | 20,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| SMITH RODGER W JR<br>200 NORTH CANAL STREET<br>NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 |               |           | Vice-President,<br>Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as Attorney-in-fact for  
Date: 12/22/2008

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*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 shares were acquired as a result of the reporting person's election to invest in the common stock by liquidating other 401K investments previously owned.

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- (2) Performance Stock awarded July 14, 2004. These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on July 14, 2005.

The number of shares awarded is conditioned based on the achievement of a specified performance target, based upon the price of

- (3) 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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