

Gatto Joseph C. Jr.
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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 *
 Gatto Joseph C. 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)
 1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77077

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	149,382	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	21,485	I	401(k) Account

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)	8. Amount of Shares
2018 RSU - Stock ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	05/10/2018		A	110,169	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	110,169
2018 Performance Based Units - 50% Stock/50% Cash ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(5)</u>	05/10/2018		A	165,254	12/31/2020 12/31/2020	Common Stock	165,254

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gatto Joseph C. Jr. 1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY HOUSTON, TX 77077	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

Joseph C. Gatto, Jr. by Stacy E. Skelton, as Attorney-in-Fact 05/14/2018

__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) On May 10, 2018, the reporting person was granted 110,169 restricted stock units with one-third vesting each year.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The award terms specify three-year ratable vesting with one-third vesting each year subsequent to the award year. The first tranche will vest on June 1, 2019. The second tranche will vest on June 1, 2020. The third and final tranche will vest on June 1, 2021.
- This Performance-Based Unit award is subject to a variable number of units vesting based on a performance criteria related to the total shareholder return of the company compared to a group of peer companies. The number of units subject to vest under this award can range from as little as 0% to as much as 200%. The award terms also specify that upon vesting 50% of the vested units will be payable in common stock and 50% will be payable in cash.
- (5) Each unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the company's common stock.

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