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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carter James J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BASIC ENERGY SERVICES INC [BAS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 400 W. ILLIN	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Secretary		
	(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		
MIDLAND, TX 79701				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie omr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D))	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)
Common Stock	03/21/2006		M	148,720	A	\$ 4	240,200	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2006		F	68,118	D	\$ 27.18	172,082	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4	03/21/2006		M	148,720	<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	148,720	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kciationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Carter James J							

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EVP, Secretary

MIDLAND, TX 79701

Signatures

/s/ James J. Carter 03/23/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

Deletionships

- Options to purchase 50,000 shares vested in 1/3 increments on each of January 1, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Options to purchase 33,250 (1) shares vested in 1/2 increments on each of April 1, 2002 and 2004. Options to purchase 5,470 shares vested on March 31, 2003. Options to purchase 60,000 shares vested in 1/3 increments on each of January 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- Options to purchase 88,720 shares were scheduled to expire on August 13, 2011. Options to purchase 60,000 shares were scheduled to expire on May 5, 2013.

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