

CARROLL JONATHAN P  
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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 \*  
 CARROLL JONATHAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY CO [BDCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CEO & President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY, 801 TRAVIS STREET, SUITE 2100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2012

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
			Code	V	Amount					
Common Stock	03/17/2009		P		142	A	\$ 2.38	142	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		8,393,702	A	\$ 8.71	8,393,560	I	Lazarus Energy Holdings.LLC

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARROLL JONATHAN P C/O BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY 801 TRAVIS STREET, SUITE 2100 HOUSTON, TX 77002		X	CEO & President	

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Carroll 02/17/2012

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).  
Represents shares issued to Lazarus Energy Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation ("LEH"), pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated July 12, 2011 by and among LEH, LEH's wholly-owned subsidiaries and Blue Dolphin Energy Company ("Blue Dolphin") whereby Blue Dolphin acquired Lazarus Energy, LLC (the "Acquisition"). The Acquisition closed on February 15, 2012. As a result of the common stock issued as part of the Acquisition, LEH owns 80% of Blue Dolphin's outstanding common stock. Jonathan P. Carroll is Director / Manager of LEH.

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