Yuma Energy, Inc. Form 4 September 22, 2014

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Banks Sam L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Yuma Energy, Inc. [YUMA]

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

(7:-

(Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2014

1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1825

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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_X__ 10% Owner _X__ Director __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(C:tr.)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative Secu | rities A | cquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficially | 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. Securities Adord Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and | (D) 5) (A) or | (A) | 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 | 09/10/2014 | | A | 40,871,229 | Α (| <u>1)</u> | 40,871,229 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2014 | | A | 282,488 | A (| (<u>2)</u> (<u>3)</u> | 41,153,717 | 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 | f 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivativ | e Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | /Year) | Under | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Banks Sam L. | | | | |
| 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH | X | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

SUITE 1825

HOUSTON, TX 77027

Signatures

/s/ Sam L. 09/22/2014 Banks Date

**Signature of 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).

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of August 1, 2014 (the ?Merger Agreement?), by and among Yuma Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (?Old Yuma?), Pyramid Oil Company, a California corporation (1) (?New Yuma?), Pyramid Delaware Merger Subsidiary, Inc., and Pyramid Merger Subsidiary, Inc. (?Merger Sub?), Merger Sub merged with and into Old Yuma (the ?Merger?). Upon the effective time of the Merger, each share of common stock of Old Yuma was cancelled and exchanged for 757.34 shares of New Yuma common stock.

- Outstanding Old Yuma restricted stock awards were assumed by New Yuma pursuant to the Merger Agreement and replaced with New (2) Yuma restricted stock awards. Each share of Old Yuma restricted stock was exchanged for approximately 757.34 shares of New Yuma restricted stock.
- The New Yuma restricted stock award vests as to 112,594 shares of New Yuma common stock on April 1, 2015, as to 37,867 shares on (3) May 20, 2015, as to 56,293 shares on December 31, 2015, as to 37,867 shares on January 1, 2016, and as to 37,867 shares on January 1, 2017.

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