



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

November 23, 2011

Via E-mail

Michael R. Starzer  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.  
410 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1500  
Denver, Colorado 80202

**Re: Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.  
Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1  
Filed November 4, 2011  
File No. 333-174765**

Dear Mr. Starzer:

We have reviewed your amendment and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

General

1. We note your response to prior comment 1 from our letter dated September 12, 2011. We remind you that we will need sufficient time for our review once you have filed all exhibits and filled in all blanks other than that allowed by Rule 430A, including information regarding the price range.
2. Please update your financial statements for Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. to comply with Rule 3-12 of Regulation S-X.

Closing Comments

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in

possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Joanna Lam at (202) 551-3476 or Jenifer Gallagher at (202) 551-3706 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Norman von Holtendorff at (202) 551-3237 or, in his absence, me at (202) 551-3611 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ A.N. Parker

Anne Nguyen Parker  
Branch Chief

cc: Dallas Parker (via-email)