

Yuma Energy, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
J Jacobs James J		(Month/Day/Year)	Yuma Energy, Inc. [YUMA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/15/2015	
1177 WEST LOOP		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
SOUTH, SUITE 1825		(Check all applicable)		
(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
HOUSTON, TX 77027		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	456,371	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Appreciation Right	Â (2)	08/18/2022	Common Stock 268,305 \$ 0.605	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jacobs James J 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1825 HOUSTON, TX 77027	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ James J. Jacobs  
12/28/2015  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- 385,711 shares of the registrant's common stock represent vested restricted stock awards that vest as follows: 14,137 shares vest on
- (1) January 1, 2016, 109,217 shares vest on May 31, 2016, 29,789 shares vest on July 14, 2016, 14,136 shares vest on January 1, 2017, 109,216 shares vest on May 31, 2017, and 109,216 shares vest on May 31, 2018.
  - (2) The stock appreciation right award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on May 31, 2016.

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