

Pauldine Thomas F  
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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 \*  
Pauldine Thomas F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. [GPRE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
450 REGENCY PARKWAY,  
SUITE 400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP Human Resources

OMAHA, NE 68114

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common                          | 12/21/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 5.99                           |
| Common                          | 12/21/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 12,500  | D  | \$ 9.8                            |
| Common                          | 12/22/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 4,126   | D  | \$ 9.93                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 34,169                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 21,669                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 17,543                            |

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) |        |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)           | \$ 5.99  | 12/21/2011                           |  | M                              | 12,500  | 10/15/2011   | 10/15/2016  | Common | 12,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Pauldine Thomas F<br>450 REGENCY PARKWAY, SUITE 400<br>OMAHA, NE 68114 |               |           | EVP Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas F. Pauldine 12/23/2011

\*\*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).

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