

VALERO ENERGY CORP/TX
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FORM 4

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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 *
BOOKE KEITH D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALERO ENERGY CORP/TX [VLO]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P.O. BOX 696000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/21/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CAO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78269-6000
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/21/2004		A	9,000 (1)	\$ 0	126,250 (2)	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)

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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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.71	10/21/2004		A	23,000	⁽³⁾ 10/21/2014	Common Stock 23,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOOKE KEITH D P.O. BOX 696000 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78269-6000			EVP and CAO	

Signatures

J. Stephen Gilbert, as Attorney-in-Fact for Keith D. Booke
 10/25/2004

__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).
- (1) Award of restricted stock under the Valero Energy Corporation 2001 Executive Stock Incentive Plan. The shares of restricted stock vest annually in equal increments over a five-year period beginning in October 2005.
- (2) The 126,250 amount does not include 7,143.9824 shares indirectly owned by the reporting person in benefit plans.
- (3) The stock options vest annually in equal increments over a five-year period beginning in October 2005.

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