

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP  
Form SC 13D  
December 08, 2017

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

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

030910 20 2

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(CUSIP Number)

Michael Morrisett  
Empire Petroleum Corporation  
2651 E 21st Street, Suite 310  
Tulsa, OK 74114  
(539-444-8002)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communication)

December 1, 2017

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provision of the Act (however, see the Notes.)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Thomas Pritchard

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF (a)  
A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

2

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

PF

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

500,000

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

500,000

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT

11

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

500,000

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

5.47%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

The securities to which this Schedule 13D relate are shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Empire Petroleum Corporation (the "Company").

The address of the Company's principal executive office is 2651 E 21st Street, Suite 310, Tulsa, OK 74114.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

The residence address of Mr. Pritchard is 15798 Spyglass Hill Loop, Gainesville, VA 20155.

Mr. Pritchard has not, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors).

Mr. Pritchard has not, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such a proceeding, been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Mr. Pritchard is a citizen of the United States of America.

#### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

On December 1, 2017, as compensation for serving as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the Company granted Mr. Pritchard a warrant to purchase 500,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.25 per share, which is immediately exercisable and expires December 31, 2021.

#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Mr. Pritchard acquired and owns the shares of the Company's Common Stock, as described herein, for investment purposes.

Mr. Pritchard does not have any plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 to Schedule 13D.

#### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) Mr. Pritchard is the beneficial owner of 500,000 shares of Common Stock and 5.47% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(b) The responses of Mr. Pritchard to Items 7-11 of the cover page of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The responses to Item 3 of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Not applicable.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 8, 2017 /s/ Thomas Pritchard

Thomas Pritchard