WILLIAMS MARK R

Form 4

January 28, 2013

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILLIAMS MARK R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2013

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) Senior Vice President

1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DENVER, CO 80290

(City)	(State) (Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner							ly 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)	on(A) or Di	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/26/2013		F	1,351	D	\$ 47.75	55,932	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2013		A	2,900 (1)	A	\$0	60,183	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)

De Sec	Fitle of rivative curity str. 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
						of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
					Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Op Ri	11 ock otion - ght to crchase	\$ 60.285					(2)	01/18/2021	Common Stock	7,028	
Op Ri	ock otion - ght to crchase	\$ 34.31					(2)	01/26/2020	Common Stock	2,572	
O _I Ri	ock otion - ght to crchase	\$ 51.22					<u>(2)</u>	01/18/2022	Common Stock	4,848	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIAMS MARK R 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290			Senior Vice President				

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, Attorney-in-Fact 01/28/2013

**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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- (1) Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.
- Grant to reporting person of ten-year option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity
- (2) Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 2/3 on 2nd anniversary of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.

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