

WATSON GARY A
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
WATSON GARY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC
[VPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President - International

(Last) (First) (Middle)

110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/30/2006

TULSA, OK 74119

(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			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D		40,900	D	0	D
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D		9,427	D	0	I
					(2)			By 401(k) Plan

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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	01/30/2006		D	18,000	03/16/2002	03/15/2009	Common Stock	18,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SUITE 2300
TULSA, OK 74119

Vice President - International

Signatures

Gary A. Watson 01/31/2006

__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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. with and into Occidental Transaction 1, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation ("Occidental") (the "Merger"), in exchange for the per share merger consideration consisting of \$20.00 in cash and 0.42 of a share of common stock of Occidental. The closing price of Occidental's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 30, 2006, the effective date of the Merger, was \$94.47 per share.
- (2) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of January 23, 2006.
- (3) This option was cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$57.975 with respect to each share otherwise issuable upon exercise of such option, less the exercise price of such option and any applicable withholding tax.

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