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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Earliest Event Reported: January 10, 2007 Commission File No. 1-8968 ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

1201 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77380-1046 (832) 636-1000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Employer Identification No. 76-0146568

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Item 5.02(e) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On January 10, 2007, the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board of Directors of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (the Company) approved special equity awards for certain executive officers to recognize such officers leadership and contributions related to the Company s successful acquisition of Kerr-McGee Corporation and Western Gas Resources, Inc., the Company s new accounting and information technology systems integration, and to incentivize future performance related to these accomplishments. These grants were made to the following named executive officers in the form and amounts set forth below:

Name and Title	Special Equity Award	
	Stock Options	Restricted Stock
James T. Hackett Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer	122,800	
Karl F. Kurz Chief Operating Officer	41,000	
Robert P. Daniels Senior Vice President, Worldwide Exploration		6,300
R. A. Walker Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	41,000	
Robert K. Reeves Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Law and Chief Governance Officer	41,000	

In connection with the above, three other executive officers also received stock option awards for an aggregate of 57,400 shares. Based on the Committee s desire to provide an additional retention incentive for Mr. Daniels, the Committee granted Mr. Daniels a restricted stock award in lieu of stock options. The stock options have a seven-year term, will vest in three equal installments on the anniversary date of the grant, and have a strike price of \$40.51, the closing stock price on the date of grant as reported by The New York Stock Exchange. The restricted stock award will vest in three equal installments on the anniversary date of the grant.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Registrant)

January 16, 2007

By: /s/ Charlene A. Ripley
Charlene A. Ripley
Vice President, General Counsel,
Corporate Secretary and Chief
Compliance Officer