WILLIAMS MARK R

Form 4

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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WILLIAMS MARK R Issuer Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP (Check all applicable) [WLL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 02/23/2010 Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DENVER, CO 80290 Person

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|--------------|---|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction(A) of | | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (nstr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2010 | | A | 3,704 (2) | A | \$ 0 | 28,593 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2010 | | F | 1,522 | D | \$ 71.39 | 27,071 | 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)

| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr. |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 68.62 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 01/26/2020 | Common Stock | 1,286 | |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, 02/24/2010 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (1) 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.
- Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.

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