

WILLIAMS MARK R
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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 *
WILLIAMS MARK R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/08/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

DENVER, CO 80290

(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 | | |
| Common Stock | 01/08/2018 | | F | 1,117 | \$ 28.14 | D | |
| | | | | | 62,217 ⁽¹⁾ | | |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|

| | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|------|---|-----|-----|---|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 241.1408 <u>(2)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | 01/18/2021 | Common Stock | 1,757 <u>(2)</u> |
| | | | | Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 137.24 <u>(4)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | 01/26/2020 | Common Stock | 643 <u>(4)</u> |
| | | | | Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 204.88 <u>(5)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | 01/18/2022 | Common Stock | 1,212 <u>(5)</u> |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, 01/10/2018
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).

(1) The number of shares of common stock previously reported by the reporting person was reduced by 190,003 as a result of the 1-for-4 reverse stock split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation's common stock effective on November 8, 2017. Cash was paid in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares with respect to shares of common stock not subject to restrictions.

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(2) This option was previously reported as covering 7,028 shares at an exercise price of \$60.285, but was adjusted to reflect the 1-for-4 reverse stock split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation's common stock effective on November 8, 2017. Any fractional share that would have become subject to this option as a result of the reverse stock split was canceled for no consideration.

(3) Grant to reporting person of ten-year option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity 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.

(4) This option was previously reported as covering 2,572 shares at an exercise price of \$34.31, but was adjusted to reflect the 1-for-4 reverse stock split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation's common stock effective on November 8, 2017. Any fractional share that would have become subject to this option as a result of the reverse stock split was canceled for no consideration.

(5) This option was previously reported as covering 4,848 shares at an exercise price of \$51.22, but was adjusted to reflect the 1-for-4 reverse stock split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation's common stock effective on November 8, 2017. Any fractional share that would have become subject to this option as a result of the reverse stock split was canceled for no consideration.

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