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FORM 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2010					Director 10% Owner Selfow) Officer (give title below) Urice President				
DENVER, O	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						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock	02/18/2010			A	1,308 (2)	A	\$ 0	2,972	D			
Common Stock	02/18/2010			F	407	D	\$ 73.31	2,565	D			
Common Stock	02/21/2010			A	1,358 (2)	A	\$ 0	3,923	D			
Common Stock	02/21/2010			F	422	D	\$ 74.12	3,501	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		8
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(World) Day, Teal)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)				55
				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	772	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Duncan Heather M 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290

Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, Attorney-in-Fact 02/22/2010

**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.
- (2) 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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