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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Duncan Heather M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| [WLL] | | [WLL] | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
| 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 | | | 01/26/2012 | below) below) 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-Derivative Securities Acc | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

| ` • | ` ' | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | Tues Acq | uirea, Disposea o | i, or Beneficial | y Ownea |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) | | | • | 5. Amount of Securities | 7. Nature of Indirect | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | 01/06/0010 | | A | 70((3) | | Φ.Ω | 0.000 (1) | Ъ | |
| Stock | 01/26/2012 | | A | 726 (3) | Α | \$ 0 | 8,980 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2012 | | F | 257 | D | \$ 50.38 | 8,723 | 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 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 |
| 2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 60.285 (1) | | | | | (2) | 01/18/2021 | Common Stock | 1,464 (1) |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase | \$ 34.31 (1) | | | | | (2) | 01/26/2020 | Common Stock | 1,544 (1) |

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 01/30/2012

**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) Adjusted to reflect the two-for-one split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation common stock distributed on February 22, 2011 to holders of record as of February 7, 2011.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.

 (2) 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.

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(3) 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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