

Duncan Heather M
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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 *
 Duncan Heather M

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)
 01/26/2012

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

DENVER, CO 80290

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	01/26/2012		A	726 ⁽³⁾	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2012		F	257	\$ 50.38	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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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