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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION									OMB APPROVAL		
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obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns Section 1	7(a) of the	Public Ut		ling Con	npany	Act of	e Act of 1934, 1935 or Section 0	1		
(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WILLIAMS MARK R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	[WLL]										
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2009					Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice 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 					
		(7:)						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year)			on Date, if	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Year) (Instr. 8) (A)			Owned Indirect (I)				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/21/2009			А	1,623 (1)	А	\$0	22,775	D		
Common Stock	02/21/2009			F	667	D	\$ 25.05	22,108	D		
Common Stock	02/23/2009			F	744	D	\$ 23.07	21,364	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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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, attorney-in-fact	02/2	4/2009					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Ι	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) 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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