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FORM					COMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287				
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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
			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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2009					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman, President and CEO			
				ndment, Da th/Day/Year	-	1		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-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		(A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V		or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/21/2009			А	5,902 (1)	А	\$0	92,736	D		
Common Stock	02/21/2009			F	2,425	D	\$ 25.05	90,311	D		
Common Stock	02/23/2009			F	2,405	D	\$ 23.07	87,906	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underlying Securities I (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 25.51					(2)	02/18/2019	Common Stock	74,860	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
VOLKER JAMES J 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290	Х		Chairman, President and CEO				
Signatures							
/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, attorney-in-fact	02/24/20	009					

**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) Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.

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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