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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Jensen Brent P

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) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __ Other (specify

below) below) Treasurer

1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300

(Street)

(Ctata)

(Middle)

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

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DENVER, CO 80290-2300

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	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 Stock	02/21/2009		A	1,358 (1)	A	\$ 0	6,423	D		
Common Stock	02/23/2009		F	515	D	\$ 23.07	5,908	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Numb	Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Jensen Brent P

1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 Treasurer

DENVER, CO 80290-2300

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, 02/24/2009 attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).
- 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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