W&T OFFSHORE INC

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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson S James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O W&T OFFSHORE, INC., NINE

05/05/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300 (Street)

(State)

05/05/2008

(First)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

A

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

HOUSTON, TX 77046

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

1,641

(1)

\$0 5,091 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities			Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	Bene	
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	Security				Acquired	Acquired (A) or					Follo
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					4, and 5)						
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								or			
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer

Nelson S James C/O W&T OFFSHORE, INC. NINE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77046



Signatures

Elaine H. Tippitt, Attorney-in-fact

05/07/2008

**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).

This grant of restricted common stock was made pursuant to the Company's 2004 Director Compensation Plan, as amended, with

restrictions lapsing with respect to one-third of the shares subject to the restricted stock grant on each of May 5, 2009, May 5, 2010 and

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