

WILLIAMS MARK R

Form 4

February 21, 2012

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILLIAMS MARK R**

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)  
**02/18/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior 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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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/18/2012                              |                                                             | A                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>7,190<br>(2)<br>Price<br>\$ 0             | 55,828                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/18/2012                              |                                                             | F                                    | 2,954<br>\$<br>55.16                                                    | 52,874                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                         |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares |                                                     |
| 2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase      | \$ 60.285                                              |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(1)</u>                                               | 01/18/2021      | Common Stock                                                  | 7,028                      |                                                     |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase           | \$ 34.31                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(1)</u>                                               | 01/26/2020      | Common Stock                                                  | 2,572                      |                                                     |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase           | \$ 51.22                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | <u>(1)</u>                                               | 01/18/2022      | Common Stock                                                  | 4,848                      |                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| WILLIAMS MARK R<br>1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300<br>DENVER, CO 80290 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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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