#### WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4 January 15, 2016

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

WILLIAMS MARK R

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

**DENVER, CO 80290** 

(City)

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

01/14/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of

(A)

or

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

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Code V Amount (D)

107,130 Α (1)

\$0 208,111 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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285					(2)	01/18/2021	Common Stock	7,028	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 34.31					(2)	01/26/2020	Common Stock	2,572	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 51.22					(2)	01/18/2022	Common Stock	4,848	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIAMS MARK R 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290			Senior Vice President				
DENVER, CO 60290			Ticsiuciii				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, 01/15/2016 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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).
- Grant to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, which vests in equal increments over three years.

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