

PEAK KENNETH R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PEAK KENNETH R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO  
[MCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3700 BUFFALO  
SPEEDWAY, SUITE 960  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/19/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77098

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | Price  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/19/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 200,000   | \$ 21  | 2,529,719 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/19/2010                           |  | D                              |   | 71,980  | \$ 58.35   | 2,457,739 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/19/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 128,020   | \$ 58.35   | 2,329,719 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. 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 21  | 11/19/2010                           |  | M                              | 200,000   | 02/07/2007   | 02/07/2012  | Common Stock | 200,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| PEAK KENNETH R<br>3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY<br>SUITE 960<br>HOUSTON, TX 77098 | X             | X         | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth R. Peak 11/23/2010

\*\*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).

Reporting person engaged in a cashless exercise of stock options granted under the Issuer's Incentive Plan exempt under 16b-3 using

(1) Contango's common stock having a value at the date of exercise of \$58.35 per share to pay the exercise price. Shares acquired were sold at a price of \$58.35 per share.

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