

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
 Form 4  
 December 31, 2007

**FORM 4**

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
 Expires: January 31, 2005  
 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DICKERSON LAWRENCE R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/27/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and C.O.O.

HOUSTON, TX 77094

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/27/2007		M		1,406 A \$ 92.67	1,406	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2007		F		892 D \$ 146.02	514	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2007		S		514 D \$ 143.6026	0	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2007		M		1,406 A \$ 83.44	1,406	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2007		F		803 D \$ 146.02	603	D	

Edgar Filing: DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC - Form 4

Common Stock	12/27/2007	S	603	D	\$ 143.6026	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	M	1,406	A	\$ 71.87	1,406	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	F	692	D	\$ 146.02	714	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S	714	D	\$ 143.6026	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	M	1,406	A	\$ 79.77	1,406	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	F	768	D	\$ 146.02	638	D
Common Stock	12/27/2007	S	638	D	\$ 143.6026	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 92.67	12/27/2007		M	1,406	04/27/2007 04/27/2016	Common Stock	1,400
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 83.44	12/27/2007		M	1,406	04/27/2007 07/03/2016	Common Stock	1,400
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 71.87	12/27/2007		M	1,406	04/27/2007 10/02/2016	Common Stock	1,400

Stock

Appreciation \$ 79.77 12/27/2007 M 1,406 04/27/2007 12/31/2016 Common Stock 1,400  
 Right

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DICKERSON LAWRENCE R 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094	X		President and C.O.O.	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence R.  
 Dickerson 12/31/2007

\_\_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).

(1) The stock appreciation rights vest in three annual installments beginning on April 27, 2008.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.