

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
WILLIS CHARLES F IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
[wlfc]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
773 SAN MARIN DRIVE, SUITE  
2215

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/11/2011

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

(Street)  
NOVATO, CA 94998

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	08/11/2011	08/11/2011	A	V	75,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 12.88	675,884	D	
Common Stock								2,200,665	I	CFW Partners
Common Stock								3,350	I	Son <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock								3,350	I	Daughter <u>(3)</u>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.4	08/19/2011	08/19/2011	D	37,500 (4)	10/12/2002 10/12/2011	Common Stock	37,500
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.4	08/19/2011	08/19/2011	D	37,500 (4)	10/12/2003 10/12/2011	Common Stock	37,500
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.4	08/19/2011	08/19/2011	D	37,500 (4)	10/12/2004 10/12/2011	Common Stock	37,500
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.4	08/19/2011	08/19/2011	D	37,500 (4)	10/12/2005 10/12/2011	Common Stock	37,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIS CHARLES F IV 773 SAN MARIN DRIVE SUITE 2215 NOVATO, CA 94998	X	X	Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Charles F.  
Willis IV 08/24/2011

\*\*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) Restricted Stock Bonus Grant vesting over 4 years.

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(2) Charles F. Willis V Trust

(3) JTWROS

Options cancelled by agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person. The amount of the consideration payable to the Reporting

(4) Person was determined by multiplying the number of options cancelled by the difference between the closing price for the underlying securities on the effective date of the cancellation and the exercise price of the options.

**Remarks:**

EDGAR closed down due to earthquake on 8/23/11.

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