

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
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 \*  
**VOLKER JAMES J**

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)  
**01/14/2016**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President and CEO**

**DENVER, CO 80290**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/14/2016		A	V Amount 266,667 (1)	\$ 0 619,514	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. 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 Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285					(2) 01/18/2021	Common Stock	24,890
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 12.755					(2) 02/18/2019	Common Stock	74,720
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 51.22					(2) 01/18/2022	Common Stock	18,352

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VOLKER JAMES J 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/15/2016

\_\_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) Grant to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, which vests in equal increments over three years.
- (2) 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

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of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.

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