CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO Form 4 January 28, 2003 SEC Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Repor Williams, Darrell W. (Last) (First) (Middle) 3700 Buffalo Speedway Suite 960	rting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Contango Oil & Gas Company	<ul> <li>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year</li> <li>12/31/2002</li> <li>5. If Amendment,</li> </ul>	to Issue X Direct	(Check all applicable) for _ 10% Owner r (give title below) _ Other	
(Street) Houston, TX 77098 (City) (State) (Zip)		3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>Description</li> <li>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person         <ul> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned															
Security	/ Date Exer . (Month/Day/Year) any		Executio any				4. Securities Acquir (A) or Disposed Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5		l Of (D)	f (D) Securities 5) Beneficial Owned Following		s ship Illy Form: Direct (D)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deri- vative Security	3. Tran Date (Mor Day/ Year	nth/ /	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code	sacti	5. Num ionDerivati Secu Acquire or Dispose (D)	.g., puts, calls, warrar 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		xercisable(DE) of of nd Underlying De Expiration Securities Se			8. Price of	erivative Se curity Be str.5) Ov Fo Re Tra	<ul> <li>Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr.4)</li> </ul>	
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								Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.21	12/31/2002	A	3,000	(1)	12/31/2007	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 3,000

**Explanation of Responses:** 

(1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning 12/31/2002.							
By:	Date:						
/s/ William H. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Darrell W. Williams	01/28/2003						

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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