

LOUSTEAU J KEITH  
Form 4  
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**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 \*  
LOUSTEAU J KEITH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O TIDEWATER, INC., 601  
POYDRAS ST. #1900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP, CFO & Treasurer

(Street)  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

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) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2006                           |  | M                              | 20,000 A \$ 27.92   | 65,982  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/30/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 20,000 D \$ 55  | 45,982  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,837.254   | I  | Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>                     |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 27.92   | 11/30/2006                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | 03/12/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/12/2013                     | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| LOUSTEAU J KEITH<br>C/O TIDEWATER, INC.<br>601 POYDRAS ST. #1900<br>NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 |               |           | Exec VP,<br>CFO &<br>Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

J. Keith Lousteau, by: Cliffe F. Laborde, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 12/01/2006

\*\*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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously entered into by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Acquired on a periodic basis by the Trustee of the Tidewater Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan. Includes shares acquired for my account through November 30, 2006.
- (3) The options vested in 3 equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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