OLSON R CASEY

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **OLSON R CASEY** Issuer Symbol OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (Check all applicable) CORP /DE/ [OXY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM 05/06/2008 **Executive Vice President** CORPORATION, 10889 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M	66,667	A	\$ 50.445	199,690	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		F	51,165	D	\$ 88.289	148,525	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	and 5) (A) (D))	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock appreciation right	\$ 50.445	05/06/2008	M	66,6	567	<u>(1)</u>	07/19/2016	Common Stock	66,66

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OLSON R CASEY OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION 10889 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ CHRISTEL H. PAULI, Attorney-in-Fact for R. Casey
Olson
05/07/2008

**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 right vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 19, 2007.

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