

STEVENS MICHAEL J

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STEVENS MICHAEL 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)
 02/23/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President and CFO

DENVER, CO 80290

4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2010		A	(A) or (D) 3,704 (2)	\$ 0	24,550	D
Common Stock	02/23/2010		F	1,522	\$ 71.39	23,028	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)	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 Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 25.51							<u>(1)</u>	02/18/2019	Common Stock	24,953
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 68.62							<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	3,858

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
STEVENS MICHAEL J 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290	Vice President and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/24/2010

__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).

- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (1) The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 2/3 on 2nd anniversary of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.

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