#### Edgar Filing: STEVENS MICHAEL J - Form 4

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January 28, 2	010									
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION								OMB APPROVAL		
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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> STEVENS MICHAEL J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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)			<ul> <li>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</li> <li>01/26/2010</li> <li>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</li> </ul>				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President and CFO			
							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
DENVER, C	CO 80290						_X_ Form filed by Form filed by I Person	One Reporting Po More than One Ro		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
(Instr. 3) any		ear) Executio any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	1 ( )		Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Commen				Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock							13,412	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)

### Reporting Owners

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f 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. De Se (I1
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 68.62	01/26/2010		А	3,858	<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	3,858	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 25.51					<u>(1)</u>	02/18/2019	Common Stock	24,953	

# **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	C	01/28/2010				
**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.

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