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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addi Jensen Brent P	ress of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1700 BROAD	(First) (Middle) WAY, SUITE 2300	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2011	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below) Treasurer		
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DENVER, CO	80290-2300		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative)	Secur	rities Acqu	ired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi r(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	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	01/26/2011		A	725 (2)	A	\$ 0	8,479	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2011		F	256	D	\$ 118.86	8,223	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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 120.57					<u>(1)</u>	01/18/2021	Common Stock	732	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 68.62					<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	772	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Jensen Brent P						
1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300			Treasurer			
DENVER, CO 80290-2300						

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, Attorney-in-Fact 01/28/2011

**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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