

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

January 20, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Jensen Brent P

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)  
01/19/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Treasurer

DENVER, CO 80290-2300

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  
\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/19/2017                              |                                                             | A                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>19,182<br>(1)                                          | \$ 0                                                                                                               | 82,244                                                               | 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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
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|                                                   |           |  |  |  |  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 2011<br>Stock<br>Option -<br>Right to<br>Purchase | \$ 60.285 |  |  |  |  | (2)                 | 01/18/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 1,464                                  |
| Stock<br>Option -<br>Right to<br>Purchase         | \$ 34.31  |  |  |  |  | (2)                 | 01/26/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 1,544                                  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer,  
Attorney-in-Fact 01/20/2017

\_\_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) Grant to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, which vests in equal increments over three years.

Grant to reporting person of ten-year option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. 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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