

STEPHENSON CC JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STEPHENSON CC JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
[VPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, Pres. & CEO

TULSA, OK 74119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 2,400 D \$ 0  | 708,470   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 400 A \$ 0  | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By wife <sup>(3)</sup>                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 400 A \$ 0  | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By wife <sup>(4)</sup>                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 400 A \$ 0  | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By wife <sup>(5)</sup>                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2005                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 400 A \$ 0  | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By wife <sup>(6)</sup>                     |

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|              |            |                  |   |     |   |      |                      |   |                            |
|--------------|------------|------------------|---|-----|---|------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/22/2005 | G <sup>(1)</sup> | V | 400 | A | \$ 0 | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By wife <sup>(7)</sup>     |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2005 | G <sup>(1)</sup> | V | 400 | A | \$ 0 | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By wife <sup>(8)</sup>     |
| Common Stock |            |                  |   |     |   |      | 12,067               | I | As Trustee <sup>(9)</sup>  |
| Common Stock |            |                  |   |     |   |      | 4,266                | I | As Trustee <sup>(10)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |                  |   |     |   |      | 15,167               | I | As Trustee <sup>(11)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |                  |   |     |   |      | 9,710,797            | I | By general partnership     |
| Common Stock |            |                  |   |     |   |      | 200 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I | By wife                    |

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| STEPHENSON CC JR<br>110 WEST SEVENTH STREET<br>SUITE 2300 | X             | X         | Chairman,<br>Pres. & CEO |       |

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## Signatures

C. C.

Stephenson, Jr.

01/27/2006

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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to six separate trusts, of which wife of reporting person is trustee.
- (2) Beneficial ownership of these securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (3) Julie N. Stephenson Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (4) Kelly C. Stephenson Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (5) Corry C. Stephenson Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (6) Lawrence D. Field Jr. Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (7) Andrew M. Field Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (8) Alex S. Field Trust, of which wife of reporting person is Trustee.
- (9) Kelly C. Stephenson Irrevocable Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee.
- (10) Julie N. Stephenson Irrevocable Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee.
- (11) Corry C. Stephenson Irrevocable Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee.

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