

Begley William E  
Form 4  
February 12, 2010

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Begley William E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP  
/DE/ [MPET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET

02/10/2010

Chief Financial Officer

(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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

PORTLAND, ME 04101

(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<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (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 Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                                    | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) |         |     |                     |                    |                 |                            |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
|                                                               |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                             | (A)     | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |  |
| Non-qualified<br>stock option<br>(right to buy)<br><u>(1)</u> | \$ 1.63                            | 02/10/2010       | A          |                                                               | 533,333 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | 02/10/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 533,333                    |  |
| Non-qualified<br>stock option<br>(right to buy)<br><u>(1)</u> | \$ 1.63                            | 02/10/2010       | A          |                                                               | 177,778 |     | <u>(3)</u>          | 02/10/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 177,778                    |  |
| Non-qualified<br>stock option<br>(right to buy)<br><u>(1)</u> | <u>(4)</u>                         | 02/10/2010       | A          |                                                               | 88,889  |     | <u>(4)</u>          | 02/10/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 88,889                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Begley William E<br>7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET<br>PORTLAND, ME 04101 | Chief Financial Officer          |

## Signatures

/s/ William E. Begley, Jr. by Edward B. Whittemore,  
attorney-in-fact

02/12/2010

                    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).

(1) On February 10, 2010, the reporting person was awarded three non-qualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan in three Tranches (A, B and C), which options cover an aggregate of 800,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

The Tranche A time-based options awarded on February 10, 2010 cover 533,333 shares of Common Stock, have an exercise price of \$1.63 per share and vest as follows: 177,778 shares vest in full on February 10, 2011, 177,778 shares vest in full on February 10, 2012, and 177,777 shares vest in full on February 10, 2013.

(3) The Tranche B performance-based options awarded on February 10, 2010 cover 177,778 shares of Common Stock, have an exercise price of \$1.63 per share and vest in full upon completion of the sale of Company securities in one or more equity capital raising transactions (including convertible debt) that result in aggregate net proceeds to the Company of not less than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000).

(4) The Tranche C performance-based options awarded on February 10, 2010 cover 88,889 shares of Common Stock and shall vest in full upon the Board's determination of the attainment of a performance condition in Section 2(e) of the Tranche C Option Award Agreement. The Tranche C options will have an exercise price per share equal to the "fair market value" of a share of Common Stock on the date of

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the Board's determination that the performance vesting condition has been satisfied.

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