

BENDER JAMES J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BENDER JAMES J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE WILLIAMS CENTER

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74172

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WPX ENERGY, INC. [WPX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	33,039					02/28/2015	02/28/2015	Common Stock	33,039
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	3,193					02/28/2017	02/28/2017	Common Stock	3,193
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	25,055					02/28/2015	02/28/2015	Common Stock	25,055
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	10,790					02/28/2013	02/28/2022	Common Stock	10,790
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	10,790					02/28/2014	02/28/2022	Common Stock	10,790
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.16	02/29/2012	A	10,790					02/28/2015	02/28/2022	Common Stock	10,790

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENDER JAMES J ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Stephen E. Brilz, Attorney-in-Fact for James J. Bender 03/02/2012

\_\_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).

Vesting is subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company has met the three year  
(1) performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.

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