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#### FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Duncan Heather M	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2012	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President		
(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		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Securities Form: Direct Inc Beneficially (D) or Be Owned Indirect (I) Ow Following (Instr. 4) (In	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/18/2012		A	2,614 (2)	A	\$ 0	12,478	D	
Common	02/19/2012		E	012	D	\$	11 665	D	

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02/18/2012

Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day/	ation Date Un		Title and Amount of inderlying Securities instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285					<u>(1)</u>	01/18/2021	Common Stock	1,464	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 34.31					<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	1,544	

#### **Reporting Owners**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Duncan Heather M 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290			Vice President				

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, Attorney-in-Fact 02/21/2012

### **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).

Date

- 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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