

TIDEWATER INC
Form 4
December 10, 2004

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 *
MURRILL PAUL W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601
POYDRAS ST., SUITE 19000

(Street)

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

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

12/09/2004

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			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)	8. Price of Deriva Securi

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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)	(Instr.)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	12/09/2004	A		29.16		⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Common Stock	29.16	\$ 33

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURRILL PAUL W C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 19000 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130	X			

Signatures

Paul W. Murrill, By: Michael L. Goldblatt, Agent and
Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2004

 **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) Acquired pursuant to Tidewater Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors.

(2) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(3) Phantom Stock Unites will be paid in cash upon termination of Board service or such other date chosen by reporting person in accordance with Tidewater's Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors.

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