

Ross Rick A Mr.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Ross Rick A Mr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
[WLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/01/2018

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

DENVER, CO 80290-2300

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,079 A   | \$ 55.0075  | 73,536   | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2018                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,079 D   | \$ 55.0075  | 71,457   | D  |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase           | \$ 51.0208   | 10/01/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,079   | <sup>(2)</sup> 02/18/2019                                | Common Stock  | 2,079                         |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase           | \$ 204.88  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup> 01/18/2022                                | Common Stock  | 432                           |
| Stock Option - Right to Purchase           | \$ 137.24  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup> 01/26/2020                                | Common Stock  | 643                           |
| 2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase      | \$ 241.1408  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup> 01/18/2021                                | Common Stock  | 1,025                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Ross Rick A Mr.<br>1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300<br>DENVER, CO 80290-2300 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/01/2018

\_\_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 stock option exercise and sale was executed pursuant to a written plan previously established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.  
  
Grant to reporting person of ten-year option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. 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)

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