ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP Form 8-A12B/A November 25, 2008

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-A/A

Amendment No. 2

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 76-0146568

(State of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1201 Lake Robbins Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77380-1046

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. b

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. o

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: N/A.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

<u>Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered</u>

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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

This Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A amends Item 1 of the Registration Statement on Form 8-A that was filed on October 30, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on April 27, 2000 (collectively, the Registration Statement).

Item 1 of the Registration Statement is hereby amended to add the following paragraph as the last paragraph of Item 1:

Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to be Registered.

The Rights Agreement, dated as of October 29, 1998, between Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (the Company) and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Rights Agent, as amended (the Rights Agreement), and all preferred share purchase rights distributed to holders of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, pursuant to the Rights Agreement, expired by their respective terms at 5:00 p.m., Houston time, on November 10, 2008.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert K. Reeves

Robert K. Reeves Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 25, 2008