PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

11/16/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WHALEN JAMES W		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) 1401 ENCLAVE PARK SUITE 600	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting 		
HOUSTON, TX 77077			Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								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)				Beneficially For Owned (D Following Inc.	Ownership I Form: Direct I (D) or (Indirect (I) (7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		M	112,105	A	\$ 2.27	411,417	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		S	100	D	\$ 9.38	411,317	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		S	1,200	D	\$ 9.39	410,117	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2006		S	200	D	\$ 9.4	409,917	D	

2,700

407,217

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Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	3,400	D	\$ 9.42	403,817	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	3,300	D	\$ 9.43	400,517	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	1,900	D	\$ 9.44	398,617	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 9.45	395,617	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	900	D	\$ 9.47	394,717	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	9,100	D	\$ 9.48	385,617	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	14,100	D	\$ 9.49	371,517	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	7,600	D	\$ 9.5	363,917	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	3,100	D	\$ 9.51	360,817	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	10,800	D	\$ 9.52	350,017	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	17,300	D	\$ 9.53	332,717	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 9.55	330,317	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	4,600	D	\$ 9.6	325,717	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 9.61	323,317	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	13,205	D	\$ 9.62	310,112	D
Common Stock	11/16/2006	S	10,800	D	\$ 9.63	299,312	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	` '		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.27	11/16/2006		M		112,105	<u>(1)</u>	10/15/2009	Common Stock	112,10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHALEN JAMES W 1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77077

Signatures

James W Whalen 11/20/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 option to acquire common stock vested and became exercisable in increments as follows: 25% on 10/15/2002, 25% on 10/15/2003, 25% on 10/15/2004 and 25% on 10/15/2005.

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