

BARNES WILLIAM C
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FORM 4

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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 *
BARNES WILLIAM C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC
[VPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET,
SUITE 2300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/24/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/24/2006 | | M | 12,900 A \$ 15.5 | 721,068 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,794 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 15.5 | 01/24/2006 | | M | 12,900 | 03/07/2000 ⁽³⁾ 03/06/2007 | Common Stock 12,900 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARNES WILLIAM C 110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300 TULSA, OK 74119 | X | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

William C. Barnes
01/26/2006
 __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) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of January 23, 2006.
- (2) This option was previously reported as covering 6,450 shares at an exercise price of \$31.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a two-for-one split on October 7, 1997.
- (3) This option became exercisable in increments as follows: 6,450 shares beginning on March 7, 2000 and 6,450 shares beginning on January 1, 2001.

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