

CALLON FRED L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CALLON FRED L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET  
(Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/21/2006

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)  
Chairman, President, CEO

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		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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	03/21/2006	03/21/2006	M	V	37,500	A	\$ 12	293,220	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2006	03/21/2006	F	V	29,464 (1)	D	\$ 20.01	263,756	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2006	03/22/2006	S	V	3,985	D	\$ 19.95	259,771	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2006	03/23/2006	S	V	4,051	D	\$ 19.95	255,720	D	
Common Stock								11,199 (2)	I	401(k) Account

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Common Stock	92,170	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock	24,904	I	Spouse

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)	8. Amount of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12	03/21/2006	03/21/2006	M	V	37,500	02/23/1997 08/23/2006	Common Stock	3
2004 Performance Shares	\$ 13.71					05/05/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/14/2014	Common Stock	3
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.47					02/20/1999	08/20/2008	Common Stock	6
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.5					09/23/2000	03/23/2010	Common Stock	1
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.5					01/13/2003	07/12/2012	Common Stock	1
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.7					02/24/2003	08/23/2012	Common Stock	1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALLON FRED L 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 391203212	X		Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as  
Attorney-in-fact for

03/23/2006

\_\_\_\_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) Represents shares withheld by the issuer to (1) pay federal and state income taxes and (2) payment of stock option exercise price.

The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's account balance within the Callon

(2) Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan (401(k) Plan) on the day prior to this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price per share on that day.

(3) Performance Stock awarded July 14, 2004. These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on July 14, 2005.

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