

ABERNATHY WILLIAM L  
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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 \*  
ABERNATHY WILLIAM L

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/30/2006

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

(Street)  
TULSA, OK 74119

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	01/30/2006		D		183,645 D 0	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D		500 D 0	I	By Son
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D		14,365 (2) D 0	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.5	01/30/2006		D	37,100	03/07/2000	03/06/2007	Common Stock	37,100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6875	01/30/2006		D	49,356	03/15/1999	03/14/2006	Common Stock	49,356

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

William L. Abernathy 01/31/2006

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. with and into Occidental Transaction 1, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation ("Occidental") (the "Merger"), in exchange for the per share merger consideration consisting of \$20.00 in cash and 0.42 of a share of common stock of Occidental. The closing price of Occidental's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 30, 2006, the effective date of the Merger, was \$94.47 per share.

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- (2) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of January 23, 2006.
- (3) This option was cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$57.975 with respect to each share otherwise issuable upon exercise of such option, less the exercise price of such option and any applicable withholding tax.

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