

Buterbaugh Richard C
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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 *
 Buterbaugh Richard C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Laredo Petroleum, Inc. [LPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President & CFO

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 | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | F | | 5,029 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 0 253,827 D |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | A | | 157,005 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 8.36 410,832 D |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | A | | 44,082 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$ 8.36 454,914 D |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | F | | 11,329 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 0 443,585 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)

| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance Units | (4) | 02/16/2018(4) | | A | 157,005 | 02/16/2021 | (4) | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 14.12 | | | | | 02/17/2018(5) | 02/17/2027 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | (6) | | | | | 02/17/2020 | (6) | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 4.1 | | | | | 02/19/2017(5) | 02/19/2026 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | (7) | | | | | 02/19/2019 | (7) | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 11.93 | | | | | 02/27/2016(5) | 02/27/2025 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | (8) | | | | | 02/27/2018 | (8) | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 25.6 | | | | | 02/27/2015(5) | 02/27/2024 | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 17.34 | | | | | 02/15/2014(5) | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buterbaugh Richard C
15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900
TULSA, OK 74119

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser as attorney-in-fact for Richard C.
Buterbaugh

02/21/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Persons in connection with the vesting of a portion of restricted shares previously granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

(3) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest one year after the date of the grant.

(4) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured (i) against an industry peer group, (ii) on an absolute share return basis and (iii) based on a return on average capital employed metric, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2020. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(5) This stock option was granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant.

(6) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2019. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(7) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2018. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(8) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2017. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

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