

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
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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 *
 Buterbaugh Richard C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

05/25/2016

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)
 Executive Vice President & CFO

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 | 05/25/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | | 86,095 | A | 12.36 |
| | | | | | | | \$ |
| | | | | | | | 219,952 |
| | | | | | | | 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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 4.1 | 05/25/2016 ⁽²⁾ | | A | 137,335 | 02/19/2017 ⁽²⁾ 02/19/2026 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | ⁽³⁾ | 05/25/2016 ⁽³⁾ | | A | 172,190 | 12/31/2018 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 11.93 | | | | | 02/27/2016 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/27/2025 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | 12/31/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 25.6 | | | | | 02/27/2015 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/27/2024 | Common Stock |
| Performance Units | ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | 12/31/2016 ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 17.34 | | | | | 02/15/2014 ⁽⁴⁾ 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 05/27/2016

**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)

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On February 19, 2016, the compensation committee of the Issuer's board of directors approved this grant to the Reporting Person, subject to and contingent upon approval by the Issuer's stockholders of an amendment to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan at the Issuer's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders to, among other things, increase the number of shares authorized for issuance thereunder. On May 25, 2016, the Issuer's stockholders approved such amendment. These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments on February 19, 2017, February 19, 2018 and February 19, 2019.

- (2) On February 19, 2016, the compensation committee of the Issuer's board of directors approved this grant to the Reporting Person, subject to and contingent upon approval by the Issuer's stockholders of an amendment to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan at the Issuer's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders to, among other things, increase the number of shares authorized for issuance thereunder. On May 25, 2016, the Issuer's stockholders approved such amendment. This stock option is granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of February 19, 2017, February 19, 2018, February 19, 2019 and February 19, 2020.

- (3) On February 19, 2016, the compensation committee of the Issuer's board of directors approved this grant to the Reporting Person, subject to and contingent upon approval by the Issuer's stockholders of an amendment to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan at the Issuer's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders to, among other things, increase the number of shares authorized for issuance thereunder. On May 25, 2016, the Issuer's stockholders approved such amendment. 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.

- (4) 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.

- (5) 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.

- (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, 2016. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

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