

GIBBONS WILLIAM H  
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 \*  
GIBBONS WILLIAM H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO  
[MCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President and Treasurer

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)  
  
3700 BUFFALO  
SPEEDWAY, SUITE 960  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2004

HOUSTON, TX 77098  
  
(City)      (State)      (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 50,000  | A  | \$ 4.37                           | 87,861 |  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | F                              |   | 27,313  | D  | \$ 8                              | 60,548 |  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 2.44                           | 70,548 |  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | F                              |   | 3,050   | D  | \$ 8                              | 67,498 |  | D |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 25,000  | A  | \$ 3                              | 92,498 |  | D |

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Common Stock 11/23/2004 F 9,375 D \$ 8 83,123 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Common Stock (right to buy)                | \$ 4.37  | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              | 50,000  | 10/25/2004 11/20/2005                                    | Common Stock 50,000   |
| Common Stock (right to buy)                | \$ 2.44  | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 10/25/2004 07/23/2011                                    | Common Stock 10,000   |
| Common Stock (right to buy)                | \$ 3   | 11/23/2004                           |  | M                              | 25,000  | 10/25/2004 07/12/2012                                    | Common Stock 25,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| GIBBONS WILLIAM H<br>3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY<br>SUITE 960<br>HOUSTON, TX 77098 |               |           | Vice President and Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

William H.  
Gibbons

11/24/2004

\_\_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) Reporting person engaged in a cashless exercise of stock options granted under the Issuer's Incentive Plan exempt under 16b-3 using Contango common stock and having a value at the date of exercise of \$8.00 per share to pay the exercise price.

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