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owned directly or indirectly.

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI] **NELSON S JAMES** (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 8 GREENWAY (Check all applicable) PLAZA, Â SUITE 1330 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner _X__ Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77046 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 0 Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Expiration (Month/Day/You	, E	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NELSON S JAMES 8 GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 1330

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HOUSTON, TXÂ 77046

Signatures

/s/ Price W. Wilson, Attorney-in-fact 01/30/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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