W&T OFFSHORE INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **NELSON S JAMES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First) (Middle)

W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O W&T OFFSHORE, INC., EIGHT GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 1330

(Street)

(State)

05/19/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/19/2006

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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HOUSTON, TX 77046

(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

10% Owner

Other (specify

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

987 (1) A \$0 A 1,987

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)			Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NELSON S JAMES C/O W&T OFFSHORE, INC. X EIGHT GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 1330 HOUSTON, TX 77046

Signatures

/s/ Price W. Wilson, Attorney-in-fact

05/22/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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These shares are subject to certain restrictions and may not be freely sold. All restrictions with respect to 329 shares of such restricted stock shall lapse on May 19, 2007. All restrictions with respect to 329 of such restricted stock shall lapse on May 19, 2008. All restrictions with respect to the remaining 329 shares of restricted stock shall lapse on May 19, 2009.

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