

Palm James D  
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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 \*  
 Palm James D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GULFPORT ENERGY CORP  
 [GPOR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 14313 NORTH MAY AVENUE, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/03/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/03/2011		M		25,000 (1) \$ 11.2	A	73,887 D
Common Stock	02/03/2011		S		25,000 (1) \$ 26	D	48,887 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.2	02/03/2011		M	25,000	(2) 12/01/2015	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Palm James D 14313 NORTH MAY AVENUE SUITE 100 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ James D.  
Palm  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/07/2011  
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) The exercise of options and the sale of common stock acquired upon such exercise were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 20, 2010.
- (2) The options vested in 36 equal monthly installments, beginning on December 1, 2005.

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