

GULFPORT ENERGY CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Zitkus Lester | | (Month/Day/Year) | GULFPORT ENERGY CORP [GPOR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/07/2017 | |
| 3001 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | SVP, Land | |
| | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 49,784 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | Title | | | |

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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zitkus Lester 3001 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 | Â | Â | Â SVP, Land | Â |

Signatures

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| /s/ Michael G. Moore as attorney in fact for Lester Zitkus | 03/17/2017 |
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) Amount includes 43,001 unvested restricted stock units granted under the equity incentive plan of Gulfport Energy Corporation (the "Issuer") prior to Mr. Zitkus becoming an executive officer of the Issuer. Of these restricted stock units, 4,000 units will vest on August 15, 2017, 11,666 units will vest on August 27, 2017, 4,001 units will vest on August 15, 2018, 11,667 units will vest on August 27, 2018 and 11,667 units will vest on August 27, 2019.

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