

Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
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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 *
Buterbaugh Richard C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900

(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. [LPI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		A		34,875	A	14.12 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	02/17/2017		F		9,491 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 0
					254,827	D	
					245,336	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.12	02/17/2017 ⁽³⁾		A	52,754	02/17/2018 ⁽³⁾ 02/17/2027	Common Stock
Performance Units	⁽⁴⁾	02/17/2017 ⁽⁴⁾		A	69,751	02/17/2020 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 4.1					02/19/2017 ⁽³⁾ 02/19/2026	Common Stock
Performance Units	⁽⁵⁾					02/19/2019 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 11.93					02/27/2016 ⁽³⁾ 02/27/2025	Common Stock
Performance Units	⁽⁶⁾					02/27/2018 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 25.6					02/27/2015 ⁽³⁾ 02/27/2024	Common Stock
Performance Units	⁽⁷⁾					02/27/2017 ⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 17.34					02/15/2014 ⁽³⁾ 02/15/2023	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buterbaugh Richard C 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900 TULSA, OK 74119			Executive Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser as attorney-in-fact for Richard C.
Buterbaugh

02/22/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

(2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Persons in connection with the vesting of a portion of restricted shares previously granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) This stock option is granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant.

(4) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2019. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(5) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2018. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(6) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2017. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.

(7) These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2016. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units. As their performance criteria were satisfied, 75% of the shares will be issued during the first quarter of 2017 if the February 27, 2017 vesting criteria is satisfied.

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