TCW GROUP INC

Form 4

February 22, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TRUST CO OF THE WEST

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO [MCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2005

Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title

865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET.

(State)

STE. 1800

(City)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		S	1,552	D	\$ 9.05	2,750,300	D (1) (2)		
Common Stock	02/18/2005		S	3,200	D	\$ 9.0841	2,747,100	D (1) (2)		

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships					
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	X				
	X				
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Signatures

/s/ Lazarus N. Sun, Authorized 02/22/2005 Signatory

> **Signature of Reporting Person 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).
 - Trust Company of the West, a California trust company ("TCW") holds its securities in Contango Oil & Gas Co. ("Contango") as Investment Manager pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, dated as of June 6, 1988, between General Mills, Inc. and TCW and as Custodian pursuant to the Custody Agreement, dated as of February 6, 1989, among General Mills, Inc., TCW and State
- Street Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee. Trust Company of the West disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Contango **(1)** Common Stock reported herein. The TCW Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("TCWG"), as the parent of TCW may be deemed to beneficially own shares of Contango Common Stock deemed to be owned by TCW; TCWG disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Contango Common Stock reported herein and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that any such entity is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by such filing.
- TCWG is primarily engaged in the provision of investment management services. The ultimate parent company of TCWG and TCW is **(2)** Societe Generale, S.A., a company incorporated under the laws of France ("SG"). The principal business of SG is acting as a holding company for a global financial services group, which includes certain distinct specialized business units that are independently operated, including TCWG. SG, for purposes of the federal securities laws, may be deemed ultimately to control TCWG and TCW. SG, its executive officers and directors, and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including all of its business units except TCWG), may

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beneficially own securities of the Issuer and such securities are not reported in this statement.

Remarks:

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