

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2014

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

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report

(Date of earliest

event reported): April 29, 2014

Whiting Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other

1-31899  
(Commission File

20-0098515  
(IRS Employer

jurisdiction of

Number)

Identification No.)

incorporation)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(303) 837-1661

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 29, 2014, James T. Brown, the President and Chief Operating Officer of Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company ) informed the Company that he will retire from the Company effective June 17, 2014.

On April 29, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed James J. Volker, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, as President of the Company effective June 17, 2014. Mr. Volker will continue as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer after such date. Mr. Volker, age 67, joined the Company in August 1983 as Vice President of Corporate Development and served in that position through April 1993. In March 1993, he became a contract consultant to the Company and served in that capacity until August 2000, at which time he became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Volker was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and a director in January 2002 and Chairman of the Board in January 2004. In January 2011, Mr. Volker stepped down as President, but remained Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Volker was co-founder, Vice President and later President of Energy Management Corporation from 1971 through 1982. He has 42 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. Mr. Volker has a Bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Denver, an MBA from the University of Colorado and has completed H. K. VanPoolen and Associates' course of study in reservoir engineering.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: April 29, 2014

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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