

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2010

**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): August 11, 2010  
Whiting Petroleum Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware	1-31899	20-0098515
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14d-2(b))
- 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.**

(b) On August 11, 2010, Palmer L. Moe retired as a director of Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company).

(d) On August 11, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed Philip E. Doty as a director of the Company to serve for a term expiring at the Company's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. The Board of Directors of the Company also appointed Mr. Doty to serve on the Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees of the Board of Directors.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Doty's appointment and Mr. Moe's retirement, issued by the Company on August 11, 2010, is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

(99.1) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation dated August 11, 2010.

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: August 11, 2010

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

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