

DEMING CLAIBORNE P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEMING CLAIBORNE P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PEACH STREET, P.O. BOX 7000

(Street)

EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/12/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | A \$ 30.295   | 680,880  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/12/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 15,000  | D \$ 65.0327  | 665,880  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/13/2010                           |  | M                              | 13,159  | A \$ 30.295   | 679,039  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/13/2010                           |  | M                              | 46,841  | A \$ 45.2275  | 725,880  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/13/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 60,000  | D \$ 65.4831  | 665,880  | D  |

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|              |           |   |                               |
|--------------|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,529,536 | I | Beneficiary Of Trusts         |
| Common Stock | 43,888    | I | By Spouse                     |
| Common Stock | 81,115.2  | I | Family Limited Partnership    |
| Common Stock | 50,793    | I | Indirectly By Daughter        |
| Common Stock | 287,222   | I | Self, Trustee For My Children |
| Common Stock | 56,909    | I | Trustee, Company Thrift Plan  |

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)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | V  | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 30.295  | 10/12/2010                           |  | M                              |  | 15,000  | 02/03/2006   | 02/03/2011      | Common Stock  | 15,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 30.295  | 10/13/2010                           |  | M                              |  | 13,159  | 02/03/2006   | 02/03/2011      | Common Stock  | 13,159                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 45.2275   | 10/13/2010                           |  | M                              |  | 46,841  | 02/01/2007   | 02/01/2012      | Common Stock  | 46,841                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEMING CLAIBORNE P<br>200 PEACH STREET<br>P.O. BOX 7000<br>EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Walter K. Compton,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/14/2010

\*\*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).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 24, 2009 and amended on December 17, 2009.

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