

Ellis Mark E
Form 4
January 11, 2005

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ellis Mark E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC
[BR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BURLINGTON RESOURCES
INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE,
SUITE 2100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/09/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP, N. American Production

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/09/2005		M		8,000	A	11
Common Stock	01/09/2005		D		8,000	D	\$ 40.805

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(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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/09/2005		M	8,000	01/09/2005(2)	01/09/2005	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Ellis Mark E BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC. 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100 HOUSTON, TX 77002	Sr VP, N. American Production

Signatures

Mark E. Ellis 01/11/2005

____Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) 1 for 1

(2) These phantom stock units were approved by the Company's Compensation Committee and are to be settled in cash upon expiration. In the event of permanent disability or death, the units will automatically vest and immediately payable.

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