

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/23/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 S.V.P., N. American Production

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100

(Street)

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

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 3,400   | A  | \$ 29.3575 12,900                                     | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 3,400   | D  | \$ 90.8136 9,500                                      | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 16,600  | A  | \$ 29.3575 26,100                                     | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 16,600  | D  | \$ 90.8136 9,500                                      | D |
|                                 | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 2,200   | A  | \$ 44.215 11,700                                      | D |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|------------|----------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |       |   |            |          |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 |  | S | 2,200 | D | \$ 90.8136 | 9,500 D  |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 |  | M | 7,800 | A | \$ 44.215  | 17,300 D |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 |  | S | 7,800 | D | \$ 90.8136 | 9,500 D  |

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) (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 Units                        | (1)  | 03/23/2006                           |  | I                              | 5,128   | (2) (3)  | Common Stock 5,128  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 29.3575   | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,400   | 01/21/2005 01/20/2014                                    | Common Stock 3,400  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 29.3575   | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              | 16,600  | 01/21/2005 01/21/2014                                    | Common Stock 16,600   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 44.215  | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              | 2,200   | 01/26/2006 01/25/2015                                    | Common Stock 2,200  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 44.215  | 03/23/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,800   | 01/26/2006 01/26/2015                                    | Common Stock 7,800  |

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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Ellis Mark E<br>BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC.<br>717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               |           | S.V.P., N.<br>American<br>Production |       |

## Signatures

Mark E. Ellis                      03/27/2006

\*\*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) 1 for 1
  - (2) Immediately.
  - (3) These phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon retirement or other termination from the Company.

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