Buterbaugh Richard C Form 4 February 21, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

02/16/2018

02/16/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Buterbaugh	Symbol Laredo Petroleum, Inc. [LPI]					Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	` ,	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900			02/16/2018					below) below) Executive Vice President & CFO		
	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				
TULSA, OK 74119								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 a	osed o	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	02/16/2018			F	5,029 (1)	D	\$ 0	253,827	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2018			A	157,005 (2)	A	\$ 8.36	410,832	D	

44,082

11,329

(3)

(1)

A

F

\$

D

8.36

\$0

454,914

443,585

D

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)	Code	5. Number of or 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1
Performance Units	<u>(4)</u>	02/16/2018(4)		A	157,005	02/16/2021	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 14.12					02/17/2018(5)	02/17/2027	Common Stock
Performance Units	<u>(6)</u>					02/17/2020	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 4.1					02/19/2017(5)	02/19/2026	Common Stock
Performance Units	<u>(7)</u>					02/19/2019	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 11.93					02/27/2016(5)	02/27/2025	Common Stock
Performance Units	<u>(8)</u>					02/27/2018	(8)	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 25.6					02/27/2015(5)	02/27/2024	Common Stock
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 17.34					02/15/2014(5)	02/15/2023	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Reporting Owners 2 Buterbaugh Richard C 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900 TULSA, OK 74119

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser as attorney-in-fact for Richard C. Buterbaugh

02/21/2018

**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).
- Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Persons in connection with the vesting of a portion of restricted shares previously granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- (3) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest one year after the date of the grant.
 - These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders
- (4) return measured (i) against an industry peer group, (ii) on an absolute share return basis and (iii) based on a return on average capital employed metric, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2020. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.
- (5) This stock option was granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant.
- These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2019. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.
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