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FORM 4

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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 720 EMERSON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/20/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

DENVER, CO 80218
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 07/20/2009 | | A | V A | Amount 15,000 (1) Price \$ 0 (2) 20,000 | 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)

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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| wilson j thomas 720 EMERSON STREET DENVER, CO 80218 | X | | | |

Signatures

J Thomas
Wilson

07/21/2009

**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) On July 20, 2009, 15,000 shares of Issuer's common stock were awarded to the reporting person under Section 9 of Issuer's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, pursuant to the terms of Issuer's Board compensation policy for non-employee directors adopted on May 27, 2009 which permits Issuer to make payment of up to 50% of the annual retainer fees payable to non-employee directors in the form of shares of Issuer's common stock, subject to an annual cap per director of 15,000 shares.
- (2) The shares were awarded to the reporting person in lieu of cash payment of a portion of the annual directors' retainer fee. The fair market value of a share of Issuer's common stock on the grant date, July 20, 2009, was \$0.98, calculated in accordance with the terms of Issuer's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan.

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