FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person LUIKART JAMES L					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 520 MADISON AVE				3. Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2005													
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10022				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)					Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu						ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Date (Month/Day/Year) a		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		if	Code		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)		Form: Direct (D)	hip o B D) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
						Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				or India (I) (Instr. 4		nstr. 4)		
Common Stock		08/15/2	2005				S		734,500	D	\$ 26.90	5 1,888,1	.54		Ι	fe	ee ootnotes) (2)	
Reminder:	Report on a s	separate line	for each c		Deriv	ative Sec	urit	ies Acq	Pe co th	ersons whontained in e form dis	no responded in this splays	form ar a curre Beneficia	e not requently valid	ction of inf uired to res OMB conf	spond unl	ess	SEC 1	474 (9-02)
Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transact Date (Month/Da	y/Year) E	Execution D (Year) any		4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)		5.		and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) An Un Sec (In 4)		Amount or Number	nt of ying lies 3 and Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Amount or		Ow For De Sec Dir or I	nershi m of rivative urity: ect (D ndirec	Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)	
						Code	V	(A) (D) E	xercisable	Date		of Shares					

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LUIKART JAMES L 520 MADISON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X						

Signatures

/s/ James L. Luikart	08/17/2005
**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) Mr. Luikart is one of two managing members of Jefferies Capital Partners (a/k/a FS Private Investments III LLC and referred to hereinafter as "JCP"). The other managing member of JCP is Brian P. Friedman.
- JCP controls the investment and/or voting power in respect of all of the 1,888,154 shares of Common Stock disclosed herein as being owned following the Reported

 (2) Transaction (the "Total Share"). The Total Shares are held by three funds (the "JCP Funds") that are managed by JCP. Mr. Luikart is compensated, in part, based on the financial performance of the securities held by the JCP Funds. Mr. Luikart disclaims beneficial ownership of the Total Shares except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interest therein resulting from his direct or indirect interest in JCP and the JCP Funds.

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