

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MELENDREZ JESUS G (Last) (First) (Middle) NINE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300 (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77046 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP & Chief Commercial Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MELENDREZ JESUS G NINE GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77046			SVP & Chief Commercial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas F. Getten, attorney-in-fact		01/19/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Remarks:

Exhibit List ----- Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, I hereby appoint Tracy W. Krohn, Jamie L. Vazquez, John D. Gibbons, Stephen L. Schroeder, Thomas F. Getten or any one of them acting alone, to act as my agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of completing, executing and filing on my behalf with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. or any other exchange or self regulatory body, any Form 3 "Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities", Form 4 "Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities", Form 5 "Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities," any Schedule 13-D or 13-G, including any amendments, or any other similar form to report securities ownership that may, in the opinion of any of them be necessary, with respect to any transaction in securities of W&T Offshore, Inc.

Nothing herein shall relieve me of the responsibility for the accuracy of the information and representations contained in any Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, Schedule 13-D or 13-G, including any amendments, or other similar form completed, executed and filed pursuant to this power of attorney.

This power of attorney shall supersede all similar prior powers of attorney and will remain effective as to the agents and attorneys-in-fact referred to above until I revoke or amend it by written notice to such persons or until the undersigned is no longer required to file Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, Schedule 13-D or 13-G, including any amendments, or other similar form completed, executed and filed pursuant to this power of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed on this 17th day of January, 2011.

/s/ Jesus G. Melendrez

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