

COMPTON WALTER K  
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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 \*  
COMPTON WALTER K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 PEACH STREET, P.O. BOX 7000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President & Secretary

(Street)  
EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

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

(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) |   |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |   |                                |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 15,000  | A  | \$ 30.295 20,314                                      | D |                                |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 15,000  | D  | \$ 55.5697 5,314                                      | D |                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | I | Trustee Of Company Thrift Plan |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |   | 2,259                          |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  |   |              |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 30.295  | 08/18/2010                           |  | M                              | 15,000  | 02/03/2006   | 02/03/2011  | Common Stock | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| COMPTON WALTER K<br>200 PEACH STREET<br>P.O. BOX 7000<br>EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000 |               |           | Vice President & Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Walter K. Compton,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/20/2010

\*\*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) One-half of the economic benefit of non-transferable option transferred pursuant to domestic relations order.

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