

SETH KEVIN R  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |                                      |  |   |  |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement |  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  |  |
| Â SETH KEVIN R                            |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     |  | EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP [EMPR]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 02/23/2011                           |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |
| 350 PARK AVENUE                           |         |          |                                      |  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      |  | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022                      |         |          |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)                   |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><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                    | 253,968   | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 357,143   | I  | By LLC <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |

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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock Warrants (Right To Buy) | 06/21/2010       | 06/21/2011      | Common Stock | 55,556                     | \$ 0.5   | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                        | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SETH KEVIN R<br>350 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

Kevin R. Seth                      03/02/2011  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

(1) These shares are held by Edgewood Management LLC Retirement Plan F/B/O Kevin R. Seth

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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| DUNHAM BRIAN W<br>5721 SE COLUMBIA WAY SUITE 200<br>VANCOUVER, WA 98661 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Brian Dunham                      03/16/2010  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

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- (1) Represents shares acquired pursuant to vesting of Restricted Stock Units granted in 2009.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Northwest Pipe Company common stock.

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(3) The Restricted Stock Units vest in 3 equal installments on March 15, 2010, March 15, 2011 and March 15, 2012.

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