

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP
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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 *
WILLIS CHARLES F IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP [wlfc]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
773 SAN MARIN DRIVE, SUITE 2215

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/11/2011

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

(Street)
NOVATO, CA 94998

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 08/11/2011 | 08/11/2011 | A | V 75,000 <u>(1)</u> | A \$ 12.88 | 675,884 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,200,665 | I | CFW Partners |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,350 | I | Son <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,350 | I | Daughter <u>(3)</u> |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option | \$ 5.4 | 08/19/2011 | 08/19/2011 | D | 37,500 (4) | 10/12/2002 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 37,500 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option | \$ 5.4 | 08/19/2011 | 08/19/2011 | D | 37,500 (4) | 10/12/2003 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 37,500 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option | \$ 5.4 | 08/19/2011 | 08/19/2011 | D | 37,500 (4) | 10/12/2004 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 37,500 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option | \$ 5.4 | 08/19/2011 | 08/19/2011 | D | 37,500 (4) | 10/12/2005 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 37,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIS CHARLES F IV 773 SAN MARIN DRIVE SUITE 2215 NOVATO, CA 94998 | X | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Charles F.
Willis IV

08/24/2011

**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) Restricted Stock Bonus Grant vesting over 4 years.

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(2) Charles F. Willis V Trust

(3) JTWROS

Options cancelled by agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person. The amount of the consideration payable to the Reporting

(4) Person was determined by multiplying the number of options cancelled by the difference between the closing price for the underlying securities on the effective date of the cancellation and the exercise price of the options.

Remarks:

EDGAR closed down due to earthquake on 8/23/11.

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