

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

W&T OFFSHORE INC

CIK: **1288403** | IRS No.: **721121985** | State of Incorpor.: **TX** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1311** Crude petroleum & natural gas

Mailing Address
*EIGHT GREENWAY PLZ
STE 1330
HOUSTON TX 77046*

REPORTING OWNER

Getten Thomas F

CIK: **1497445**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-32414** | Film No.: **12794213**

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SUITE 300
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Getten Thomas F | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI] | | | 5. 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) VP, General Counsel & Secretary | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2012 | | | | | |
| NINE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300 | | | 4. 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 | | |
| (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77046 | | | | | | | | |
| (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 | (A) or (D) | | | |
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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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units | (I) | 04/26/2012 | | A | | 31,957 | | (2) (3) | (2) (3) | Common Stock | 31,957 | \$ 0 | 31,957 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WTI stock or its cash equivalent, as determined at the time of settlement by WTI.
- The vesting of the restricted stock units is subject to a service and performance condition through October 31, 2014 and a service condition thereafter until December 15, 2014. If these conditions are met, then the restricted stock units will vest on December 15, 2014.
- The number of restricted stock units eligible for vesting is subject to adjustment to reflect the achievement of performance goals by the reporting person during the applicable performance period.

Signatures

/s/ Thomas F. Getten

** Signature of Reporting Person

04/30/2012

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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