

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PEACH STREET, P. O. BOX 7000

(Street)

EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) Price			
Common Stock					2,907	D	
Common Stock					1,798 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Trustee of Company Thrift Plan
Common Stock	02/01/2005		A	1,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	A \$ 0 2,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (3)	\$ 17.8438					02/02/2001 02/02/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option (3)	\$ 17.8438					02/02/2002 02/02/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option (3)	\$ 28.4844					02/01/2002 02/01/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (3)	\$ 28.4844					02/01/2003 02/01/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (3)	\$ 30.83					02/06/2003 02/06/2011	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option (3)	\$ 30.83					02/06/2004 02/06/2011	Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option (3)	\$ 38.8525					02/05/2004 02/05/2012	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option (3)	\$ 38.8525					02/05/2005 02/05/2012	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option (3)	\$ 42.34					02/04/2005 02/04/2013	Common Stock	7,500
	\$ 42.34					02/04/2006 02/04/2013		7,500

Stock Option (3)								Common Stock	
Stock Option (3)	\$ 60.59					02/03/2006	02/03/2011	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Option (3)	\$ 60.59					02/03/2007	02/03/2011	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Option (3)	\$ 90.455	02/01/2005		A	2,500	02/01/2007	02/01/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (3)	\$ 90.455	02/01/2005		A	2,500	02/01/2008	02/01/2012	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Walter K.  
Compton

02/03/2005

\*\*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) Number of shares owned as of December 31, 2004.
- (2) Restricted Stock issued pursuant to the Murphy 1992 Stock Incentive Plan. Reporting person has voting and dividend rights only.
- (3) Employee Stock Option granted under Murphy 1992 Stock Incentive Plan.

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