

VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC

Form 4

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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 \*  
ABERNATHY WILLIAM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
[VPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET,  
SUITE 2300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/22/2005

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

TULSA, OK 74119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/22/2005		M	7,500 A \$ 7.25	265,060	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S	2,900 D \$ 35.25	262,160	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S	100 D \$ 35.26	262,060	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S	200 D \$ 35.27	261,860	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		S	1,700 D \$ 35.28	260,160	D	

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Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 35.3	258,160	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 35.32	257,660	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.53	257,560	D	
Common Stock						1,500	I	By Son
Common Stock						1,500	I	By Other Son
Common Stock						1,000	I	As Custodian <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						14,022 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	03/22/2005		M	7,500	03/16/2002	03/15/2009	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

ABERNATHY WILLIAM L  
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300    X    Executive Vice President  
TULSA, OK 74119

## Signatures

Michael F. Meimerstorf, Attorney-in-Fact for William L.  
Abernathy    03/24/2005

\_\_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) By reporting person as custodian for son (Nicholas Lee Abernathy) under UGMA.
- (2) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of March 16, 2005.

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