

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

- Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
- Form 3 Holdings Reported.
- Form 4 Transactions Reported.

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>COMPTON WALTER K</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>200 PEACH STREET</u><br><u>P.O. BOX 7000</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>EL DORADO AR 71731-7000</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MURPHY OIL CORP/DE [ MUR ]</u>  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secretary</b></p> |
|   | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/31/2008</u> |  |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                          | 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 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 83  | A          | \$0   | 9,078  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2008                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 283   | A          | \$0   | 4,378  | I  | Trustee of Company Thrift Plan                        |

**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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Phantom Stock Unit                         | \$0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                     | 12/31/2008                           |  | J                              | 51   |     | (4)  | (4)             | Common Stock  | 51   | \$0  | 169   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares obtained through Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Shares obtained through Company Thrift Plan.
- Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one (1) share of Murphy Oil Corporation common stock.
- The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Murphy Oil Corporation's excess benefit plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. The reporting person may transfer the value of his phantom stock units into an alternative investment account at any time prior to settlement.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Walter K. Compton,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/04/2009  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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