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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- 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.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>COMPTON WALTER K</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Secretary		
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>200 PEACH STREET</u> <u>P. O. BOX 7000</u>			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2003</u>					
(Street) <u>EL DORADO</u> <u>AR</u> <u>71731-7000</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of 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		
(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 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	12/31/2003		J	469 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	2,792	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2003		J	162	A	\$0	1,682 ⁽²⁾	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					
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$17.8438						02/02/2001	02/02/2009	Common Stock	4,000	4,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$17.8438						02/02/2002	02/02/2009	Common Stock	4,000	8,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$28.4844						02/01/2002	02/01/2010	Common Stock	5,000	13,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$28.4844						02/01/2003	02/01/2010	Common Stock	5,000	18,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$30.83						02/06/2003	02/06/2011	Common Stock	8,500	26,500	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$30.83						02/06/2004	02/06/2011	Common Stock	8,500	35,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$38.8525						02/05/2004	02/05/2012	Common Stock	7,500	42,500	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$38.8525						02/05/2005	02/05/2012	Common Stock	7,500	50,000	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$42.34						02/04/2005	02/04/2013	Common Stock	7,500	57,500	D	
Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$42.34						02/04/2006	02/04/2013	Common Stock	7,500	65,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares purchased through the Murphy Oil Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan during 2003.
- 2. Number of shares owned as of December 31, 2003.
- 3. Employee Stock Option granted under Murphy 1992 Stock Incentive Plan.

Walter K. Compton

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/03/2004

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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Steven A. Cosse', Walter K. Compton, Renee' J. Bryant. E. Ted Br

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Murphy Oil Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3,

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5; con

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite,

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the unc

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 27 day of August, 2002.

POWER OF ATTORNEY