

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>THEUS CAROLINE G</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>200 PEACH STREET</b> <b>P. O. BOX 7000</b>  (Street) <b>EL DORADO AR 71731-7000</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MURPHY OIL CORP/DE [ MUR ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/16/2004</b>	
	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 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	12/16/2004		G	V	1,180	D	\$0	206,484	D	
Common Stock								322,684	I	As Beneficiary of trusts.
Common Stock								3,342 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Self, Trustee for my son.
Common Stock								1,074,504 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Trustee for siblings.

**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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$47.16							05/14/2004	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000	2,000	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$47.16							05/14/2005	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000	4,000	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$47.16							05/14/2006	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000	6,000	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$60.59							02/03/2005	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700	6,700	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$60.59							02/03/2006	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700	7,400	D	
Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$60.59							02/03/2007	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700	8,100	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.
- Non-Employee Director stock option granted under the Non-Employee Director Stock Plan approved on May 14, 2003.

Caroline G. Theus by Walter K. Compton 12/17/2004

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

