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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Morrisett Michael R. | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP [EMPR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) 3803 S. TRE | (First) NTON AV | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2017 | _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
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TULSA, OK 74105-3324

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative : | Securi | ities Acc | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | ally 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | Price | 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) |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2017 | | P | 20,000 | A | \$ 0.16 | 20,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,673,128 | I | By Empire Petroleum Holdings, LLC |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transacti | 5. onNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title Amount | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month Day/Tear) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of | (Month/Day/ e | | Underly Securitic (Instr. 3 | ring es | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | Number | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Morrisett Michael R. 3803 S. TRENTON AVENUE | X | X | President | | | | |
| TULSA, OK 74105-3324 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael R. 01/12/2018 Morrisett

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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