Pritchard Thomas W. Form 4 April 05, 2019

FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

Pritchard Thomas W.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP [EMPR]

> _X__ Director 10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2019

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

1203 E. 33RD STREET, SUITE 250

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Applicable Line)

Issuer

TULSA, OK 74105

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (T) Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securitie Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and	sed of (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.33	04/03/2019		A		2,500,000		<u>(1)</u>	04/02/2029	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Pritchard Thomas W. 1203 E. 33RD STREET SUITE 250 TULSA, OK 74105	X		Chief Executive Officer					

Signatures

Person

/s/ Thomas W.
Pritchard

**Signature of Reporting

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) The option vests in three installments as follows: 1,250,000 shares on April 3, 2019; 625,000 shares on April 3, 2020; and 625,000 shares on April 3, 2021.

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