

FITZGERALD KEVIN G
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 FITZGERALD KEVIN G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PEACH STREET, P. O. BOX 7000

(Street)

EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | | | | | 4,564 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 584 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Trustee of Company Thrift Plan |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2005 | | A | 2,500 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 0 3,500 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 28.4844 | | | | | 02/01/2002 | 02/01/2010 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 28.4844 | | | | | 02/01/2003 | 02/01/2010 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 30.83 | | | | | 02/06/2003 | 02/06/2011 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 30.83 | | | | | 02/06/2004 | 02/06/2011 | Common Stock | 8,500 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 38.8525 | | | | | 02/05/2004 | 02/05/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 38.8525 | | | | | 02/05/2005 | 02/05/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 42.34 | | | | | 02/04/2005 | 02/04/2013 | Common Stock | 8,750 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 42.34 | | | | | 02/04/2006 | 02/04/2013 | Common Stock | 8,750 |
| Stock Option (3) | \$ 60.59 | | | | | 02/03/2006 | 02/03/2011 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 60.59 | | | | | 02/03/2007 | 02/03/2011 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

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|--------|-----------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|--|-------|
| (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Option | \$ 90.455 | 02/01/2005 | A | 3,750 | 02/01/2007 | 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | | 3,750 |
| (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Option | \$ 90.455 | 02/01/2005 | A | 3,750 | 02/01/2008 | 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | | 3,750 |
| (3) | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FITZGERALD KEVIN G 200 PEACH STREET P. O. BOX 7000 EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000 | | | Treasurer | |

Signatures

Kevin G.
Fitzgerald

02/03/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Number of shares owned as of December 31, 2004.
 - (2) Restricted Stock issued pursuant to the Murphy 1992 Stock Incentive Plan. Reporting person has voting and dividend rights only.
 - (3) Employee Stock Option granted under Murphy 1992 Stock Incentive Plan.

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