

MCDERMOTT EDWARD H  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
MCDERMOTT EDWARD H		(Month/Day/Year)	LAMAR ADVERTISING CO/NEW [LAMR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/10/2008	
591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY ,			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
SUITE 3215				
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	100	D (1) (2) (3) A	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDERMOTT EDWARD H 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY , SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Kim M. Silva, 07/23/2008  
Attorney-in-fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This form is being filed to add Edward H. McDermott ("EHM") as a Reporting Person, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as he may be deemed to be part of a "group", as such term is defined in Rule 13d-5(b)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, for purposes of this filing. On 7/10/08, 100 shares of the issuer's common stock were purchased by Edward H. McDermott ("EHM"). As of the date of this filing, EHM owns 800 shares of the issuer's common stock in his IRA, which is self-directed.

(2) Additionally, as of the date of this filing, 17,902,984 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SPO Advisory"), the sole general partner of SPO Partners, (ii) SPO Advisory Corp. ("SPO Corp."), the sole general partner of SPO Advisory, and (iii) John H. Scully ("JHS"), WEO, and William J. Patterson ("WJP"), the three controlling persons of SPO Corp. Additionally, 735,730 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by SF Partners, and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SF Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SF Advisory"), the sole general partner of SF Partners, (ii) SPO Corp., the sole general partner of SF Advisory, and (iii) JHS, WEO & WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.

(3) Additionally, as of the date of this filing, Phoebe Snow Foundation ("PSF") owns 284,600 shares, the Elizabeth R. and William J. Patterson Foundation ("WJPFND") owns 51,200 shares, WEO owns 84,600 shares in his IRA, which is self-directed, JHS owns 18,700 shares in his IRAs, which are self directed, WJP owns 1,700 shares in his IRA, which is self-directed, Ian R. McGuire ("IRM") owns 1,156 shares, 256 of which are in his IRA, which is self-directed and Eli J. Weinberg ("EJW") owns 126 shares in his personal account.

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### Remarks:

The individuals and entities listed in the notes above (each a "Reporting Person") may be deemed

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