

VALERO ENERGY CORP/TX

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Valero Energy Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

One Valero Way
San Antonio, Texas 78249
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

74-1828067
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

78249
(Zip Code)

Premcor Retirement Savings Plan

(Full title of plan)

Jay D. Browning, Esq.

Senior Vice President Corporate Law and Secretary

One Valero Way

San Antonio, Texas 78249

(Name and address of agent for service)

Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service: (210) 345-2000

Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee (2)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (3)	10,000,000 shares	\$ 67.32	\$ 673,200,000	\$ 72,033

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares as may become issuable under the Premcor Retirement Savings Plan as a result of the antidilution provisions thereof.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) based upon the average of the high and low prices of the common stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on August 1, 2006.
- (3) Includes the associated Preferred Share Purchase Rights, which initially are attached to, trade with and are represented by the certificates for the common stock being registered hereby.
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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Valero Energy Corporation (the registrant or Valero) is filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and associated rights to purchase its preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (such common stock and associated rights are collectively referred to in this Registration Statement as the Common Stock), issuable pursuant to the terms of the Premcor Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan).

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the employee benefit plan information required by Item 1 of Form S-8 and the statement of availability of information about Valero and any other information required by Item 2 of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Such documents are not required to be and are not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act and Note to Part I of Form S-8. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Form S-8 pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The SEC allows Valero to incorporate by reference the information that Valero discloses in its filings with the SEC. Incorporation by reference means that Valero can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that Valero files with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. The following documents previously filed by Valero with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are incorporated herein by reference (all documents SEC File No. 001-13175):

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed: (i) January 20, 2006, and (ii) April 5, 2006.
- (d) The description of Valero common stock and the preferred share purchase rights associated with Valero common stock contained in Valero's Form S-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-27013) and Form 8-A Registration Statement (File No. 001-13175), and any amendments thereto filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by Valero pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

Any statement incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed supplement to this Registration Statement or in any document that also is incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated balance sheet of Valero and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of income, stockholders equity, cash flows and comprehensive income for the years then ended, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated statements of income, stockholders equity, cash flows and comprehensive income of Valero and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2003, appearing in Valero's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

In connection with the filing of this Registration Statement, Mr. Jay D. Browning, Esq., has rendered an opinion to Valero upon the legality of the common stock being registered hereunder. Mr. Browning beneficially owns shares of Valero common stock and options to purchase additional shares of Valero common stock. At the time of rendering such opinion, Mr. Browning beneficially owned 79,331 shares of Valero common stock and options to purchase 21,460 additional shares of Valero, none of which are currently exercisable. Also at such time, Mr. Browning was Senior Vice President Corporate Law and Secretary of Valero.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Valero's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Restated Certificate of Incorporation") contains a provision that eliminates the personal liability of a director to Valero and its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the extent currently allowed under the Delaware General Corporation Law. If a director were to breach such duty in performing duties as a director, neither Valero nor its stockholders could recover monetary damages from the director, and the only course of action available to Valero's stockholders would be equitable remedies, such as an action to enjoin or rescind a transaction involving a breach of fiduciary duty. To the extent certain claims against directors are limited to equitable remedies, the provision in Valero's Restated Certificate of Incorporation may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation and may discourage stockholders or management from initiating litigation against directors for breach of their fiduciary duties. Additionally, equitable remedies may not be effective in many situations. If a stockholder's only remedy is to enjoin the completion of the Board of Directors' action, this remedy would be ineffective if the stockholder does not become aware of a transaction or event until after it has been completed. In such a situation, it is possible that the stockholders and Valero would have no effective remedy against the directors. Under Valero's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, liability for monetary damages remains for (i) any breach of the duty of loyalty to Valero or its stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) payment of an improper dividend or improper repurchase or redemption of Valero's stock under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Under Article V of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Article VIII of Valero's Amended and Restated By-laws as currently in effect (the "Restated By-laws") and an indemnification agreement with Valero's officers and directors (the "Indemnification Agreement"), each person who is or was a director or officer of Valero or a subsidiary of Valero, or who serves or served any other enterprise or organization at the request of Valero or a subsidiary of Valero (collectively, and "Indemnitee"), shall be indemnified by Valero to the full extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Under such law, to the extent that an Indemnitee is successful on the merits in defense of a suit or proceeding brought against the Indemnitee by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Valero, or serves or served any other enterprise or organization at the request of Valero, the Indemnitee shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action.

Under such law, if unsuccessful in defense of a third-party civil suit or a criminal suit, or if such suit is settled, the Indemnitee shall be indemnified against both (a) expenses, including attorneys' fees, and (b) judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of Valero, and, with respect to any criminal action, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

If unsuccessful in defense of a suit brought by or in the right of Valero, or if such a suit is settled, the Indemnitee shall be indemnified under such law only against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in the defense or settlement of such suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of Valero, except that if the Indemnitee is adjudged to be liable in such a suit for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties to Valero, the Indemnitee cannot be made whole for expenses unless the court determines that he or she is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses.

The Indemnification Agreement provides directors and officers with specific contractual assurance that indemnification and advancement of expenses will be available to them regardless of any amendments to or revocation of the indemnification provisions of Valero's Restated By-laws. The Indemnification Agreement provides for indemnification of directors and officers against both stockholder derivative claims and third-party claims. Sections 145(a) and 145(b) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which grant corporations the power to indemnify directors and officers, specifically authorize lesser indemnification in connection with derivative claims than in connection with third-party claims. The distinction is that Section 145(a), concerning third-party claims, authorizes expenses and judgments and amounts paid in settlement (as is provided in the Indemnification Agreement), while Section 145(b), concerning derivative suits, generally authorizes only indemnification of expenses. However, Section 145(f) expressly provides that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by or granted pursuant to the subsections of Section 145 shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement. Delaware case law does not directly answer whether Delaware's public policy would support this aspect of the Indemnification Agreement under the authority of Section 145(f), or would cause its invalidation because it does not conform to the distinctions contained in Sections 145(a) and 145(b).

Delaware corporations also are authorized to obtain insurance to protect officers and directors from certain liabilities, including liabilities against which the corporation cannot indemnify its directors and officers. Valero currently has in effect a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Description of Valero's common stock and preferred share purchase rights (contained in Item 3(d) of Part II of this Form S-8)
*5.1	Opinion of Jay D. Browning, Esq., as to the legality of the securities being registered (including Consent of Counsel)
*23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, San Antonio, Texas
*23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, San Antonio, Texas
*23.3	Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5.1)
*24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement)

* Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of a prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, when applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Antonio, State of Texas, on August 4, 2006.

VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ William R. Klesse
William R. Klesse
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints William R. Klesse, Gregory C. King, Jay D. Browning, or J. Stephen Gilbert or any of them, each with power to act without the other, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all subsequent pre- and post-effective amendments and supplements to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto and all other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing appropriate or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and for all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or any of them or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated as of July 27, 2006.

Signature	Title
/s/ William R. Klesse	Chief Executive Officer and
William R. Klesse	Vice Chairman of the Board
	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Michael S. Ciskowski	Executive Vice President and
Michael S. Ciskowski	Chief Financial Officer
	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ William E. Greehey	Chairman of the Board
William E. Greehey	
/s/ W. E. Bradford	Director
W. E. Bradford	
/s/ Ronald K. Calgaard	Director
Ronald K. Calgaard	
/s/ Jerry D. Choate	Director

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Jerry D. Choate

/s/ Irl F. Engelhardt

Director

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/s/ Ruben M. Escobedo

Director

Ruben M. Escobedo

/s/ Bob Marbut

Director

Bob Marbut

/s/ Donald L. Nickles

Director

Donald L. Nickles

/s/ Robert A. Profusek

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