

Ellis Mark E
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Ellis Mark E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC
[BR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Sr VP, N. American Production
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2005 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 A | 5,000 | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.215 | 01/26/2005 | | A | 2,200 | (2) 01/25/2015 | Common Stock | 2,200 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.215 | 01/26/2005 | | A | 17,800 | (2) 01/26/2015 | Common Stock | 17,800 |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 01/26/2005 | | A | 20,000 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ellis Mark E BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC. 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100 HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | Sr VP, N. American Production | |

Signatures

Mark E. Ellis 01/28/2005
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) These shares were awarded under the Burlington Resources Inc. (BR) 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, are subject to restriction on sale or transfer, are not fully vested, and are subject to risk of forfeiture on or before January 26, 2008.
- (2) The options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on January 26, 2006.
- (3) 1 for 1. These units vested under the BR 2001 Performance Share Unit Plan. The Compensation Committee of BR's Board of Directors may, in its discretion, vest units annually based on the Company's achievement of its strategic, operating and financial objectives. A cash pay-out of vested units occurred on January 26, 2005.

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