

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**GORDON BETH G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 15415 KATY FREEWAY, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/23/2009

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Controller

HOUSTON, TX 77094

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount Price			
Common Stock	10/23/2009		M	225	A \$ 45.77	225	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		S	225	D \$ 106.0035	0	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		M	225	A \$ 53.6	225	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		S	225	D \$ 106.0035	0	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		M	225	A \$ 61.9	225	D	

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Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	225	D	\$ 106.0035	0	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	M	225	A	\$ 69.38	225	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	225	D	\$ 106.0035	0	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	M	250	A	\$ 71.87	250	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	F	169	D	\$ 105.895	81	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	81	D	\$ 106.0035	0	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	M	250	A	\$ 79.77	250	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	F	188	D	\$ 105.895	62	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	62	D	\$ 106.0035	0	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	M	250	A	\$ 81.42	250	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	F	192	D	\$ 105.895	58	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	58	D	\$ 106.0035	0	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	M	250	A	\$ 59.19	250	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	F	139	D	\$ 105.895	111	D
Common Stock	10/23/2009	S	111	D	\$ 106.0035	0	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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			Code	V					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.77	10/23/2009	M		225	04/19/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/19/2015	Common Stock	225
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.6	10/23/2009	M		225	04/19/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/01/2015	Common Stock	225
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.9	10/23/2009	M		225	04/19/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/03/2015	Common Stock	225
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 69.38	10/23/2009	M		225	04/19/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2015	Common Stock	225
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 71.87	10/23/2009	M		250	04/27/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/02/2016	Common Stock	250
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 79.77	10/23/2009	M		250	04/27/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/31/2006	Common Stock	250
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 81.42	10/23/2009	M		250	04/02/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/02/2017	Common Stock	250
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 59.19	10/23/2009	M		250	04/01/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/31/2018	Common Stock	250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GORDON BETH G 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094			Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ William C. Long Attorney-in-Fact for Beth G. Gordon 10/27/2009

\*\*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) The options vested on April 19, 2009.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vested on April 27, 2009.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vest on April 27, 2010.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vested on April 2, 2009.
- (5) The stock appreciation rights vest in two annual installments beginning on April 2, 2010.
- (6) The stock appreciation rights vested on April 1, 2009.
- (7) The stock appreciation rights vest in three annual installments beginning on April 1, 2010.

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