W&T OFFSHORE INC

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Nelson S James Issuer Symbol W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title **NINE GREENWAY** 05/16/2012 below) PLAZA, SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

HOUSTON, TX 77046

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 6. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 05/16/2012 P 39,032 D 2,300 Α **STOCK** 15.33

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Nelson S James NINE GREENWAY PLAZA SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77046	X						

Signatures

/s/ Thomas F Getten,
attorney-in-fact 05/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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