

Midstates Petroleum Company, 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 *
 Elkins Mitchell G.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.
 [MPO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 321 SOUTH BOSTON, SUITE 1000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/21/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP Operations

TULSA, OK 74103

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2017 | | M | V | 16,919 \$ 18.75 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2017 | | F | V | 5,473 \$ 18.75 | 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 Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Employee Right to Buy) | \$ 19.66 | | | | (1) | 10/21/2026 | Common Stock | 101,553 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Elkins Mitchell G. 321 SOUTH BOSTON, SUITE 1000 TULSA, OK 74103 | | | EVP Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ MITCHELL G.
ELKINS

04/25/2017

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).

In accordance with the Plan, the Reporting Person received an award of restricted stock units and stock options (Options) granted on the (1) Effective Date, 1/6 of which will vest on 4/21/2017, an additional 1/6 of which will vest on 10/21/2017, an additional 1/3 of which will vest on 10/21/2018 and the final 1/3 of which will vest on 10/21/2019.

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