

WILLIAMS JOHN A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
WILLIAMS JOHN A

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)  
BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP, Exploration

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500	A	57,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	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	(3) 01/25/2015	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.215	01/26/2005		A	22,800	(3) 01/26/2015	Common Stock	22,800
Performance Share Units	(4)	01/26/2005		A	50,000	(4) (4)	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS JOHN A BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC. 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100 HOUSTON, TX 77002			Senior VP, Exploration	

## Signatures

John A. Williams  
01/28/2005

\*\*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) 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 number of Indirect Securities Beneficially Owned in the BR Inc. Retirement Savings Plan (401 (k) Plan) is 6,251 shares which includes a increase of 175 shares between July 31, 2004 and December 31, 2004. This plan uses unit accounting to track fund balances.
- (3) The options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on January 26, 2006.
- (4) 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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