

CONTI PHILIP P
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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 *
CONTI PHILIP P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EQUITABLE RESOURCES INC
/PA/ [EQT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
225 NORTH SHORE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and CFO

PITTSBURGH, PA 15212-5861

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | | M | | 40,000 A \$ 14.25 | 84,087 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | | M | | 35,000 A \$ 17.24 | 119,087 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | | M | | 48,000 A \$ 15.755 | 167,087 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | | F | | 27,059 D \$ 37.42 | 140,028 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | | S | | 45,000 D \$ 36.6157 | 95,028 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|--------|---|--------------|
| Common Stock | 03/22/2006 | S | 50,941 | D | \$ 36.5203 | 44,087 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,749 | I | Savings Plan |

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 14.25 | 03/21/2006 | | M | 40,000 | 08/21/2001 08/21/2010 | Common Stock 40 |
| Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 15.755 | 03/21/2006 | | M | 48,000 | 03/14/2002 03/14/2011 | Common Stock 48 |
| Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 17.24 | 03/21/2006 | | M | 35,000 | 03/12/2003 03/12/2012 | Common Stock 35 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CONTI PHILIP P 225 NORTH SHORE DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15212-5861 | | | Vice President and CFO | |

Signatures

PHILIP P
CONTI 03/23/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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