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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**



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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MERIEGE LAWRENCE P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  (Street)  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [ OXY ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP - Comm. &amp; Public Affairs</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/16/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom stock units	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/16/2003		A <sup>(2)</sup>		6,700		08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	6,700	\$0	11,418	D	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	31.13	07/16/2003		A		25,000		07/16/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/16/2013	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The phantom stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Occidental Petroleum Corporation 2001 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- Phantom stock units to be settled for common stock upon retirement or termination of employment.
- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 16, 2004.

/s/ CHRISTEL H. PAULI,  
Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence P. Meriage 07/18/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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