

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) JULY 22, 1996

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-9210 (Commission File Number)	95-403597 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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10889 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024
(Address of principal executive offices) (ZIP code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(310) 208-8800

Item 5. Other Events

Occidental Petroleum Corporation reported on July 22, 1996, net income of \$181 million (\$.49 per share) for the second quarter of 1996, compared with net income of \$187 million (\$.51 per share) for the second quarter of 1995. Sales were \$2.5 billion for the second quarter of 1996, compared with \$2.7 billion for the second quarter of 1995.

Oil and gas divisional earnings were \$144 million for the second quarter of 1996, compared with earnings before special items of \$79 million for the second quarter of 1995. The 1995 results, after a charge of \$109 million for settlement of litigation, were a loss of \$30 million. The increase in 1996 earnings resulted primarily from higher prices for worldwide crude oil and domestic natural gas.

Natural gas transmission divisional earnings for the second quarter of 1996 were \$51 million, compared with \$62 million for the second quarter of 1995. The decline in 1996 earnings resulted primarily from lower transport margins, partially offset by lower costs related to the reorganization in late 1995.

Chemical divisional earnings before special items for the second quarter of 1996 were \$160 million, compared with earnings before special items of \$314 million for the second quarter of 1995. The 1996 second quarter results were \$212 million, after inclusion of \$130 million related to a favorable litigation settlement and a charge of \$75 million for additional environmental reserves relating to various existing sites, and the related state tax effects. The 1995 results, after inclusion of a \$40 million pretax gain related to the sale of assets, were \$354 million. The decline in 1996 earnings resulted primarily from decreased

profit margins in petrochemicals and PVC resins.

Interest expense in the second quarter of 1996 was \$112 million compared with \$133 million for the second quarter of 1995. The decline in interest expense is primarily attributable to lower average interest rates and lower average debt levels resulting from the redemption on March 15, 1996, of \$955 million of 11 3/4% senior debentures.

For the first six months of 1996, Occidental's net income totaled \$315 million or \$.84 per share, compared with net income of \$365 million or \$1.00 per share for the first six months of 1995. The 1996 results included an after-tax extraordinary loss of \$30 million (\$.09 per share) for the early retirement of high-coupon debt. Sales were \$5.0 billion for the first six months of 1996, compared with \$5.4 billion for the same period in 1995.

SUMMARY OF DIVISIONAL NET SALES AND EARNINGS
(Millions, except per-share amounts)

Periods Ended June 30 =====	Second Quarter		Six Months	
	1996 =====	1995 =====	1996 =====	1995 =====
DIVISIONAL NET SALES				
Oil and gas	\$ 878	\$ 756	\$ 1,632	\$ 1,461
Natural gas transmission	521	468	1,223	1,006
Chemical	1,058	1,456	2,126	2,928
Other	-	(1)	(2)	(2)
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	\$ 2,457	\$ 2,679	\$ 4,979	\$ 5,393
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DIVISIONAL EARNINGS				
Oil and gas	\$ 144	\$ (30)	\$ 305	\$ 30
Natural gas transmission	51	62	172	137
Chemical	212	354	330	661
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	407	386	807	828
UNALLOCATED CORPORATE ITEMS				
Interest expense, net	(112)	(133)	(242)	(277)
Income taxes (a)	(112)	(73)	(211)	(198)
Other	(2)	7	(9)	12
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INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY GAIN(LOSS), NET	181	187	345	365
Extraordinary gain(loss), net	-	-	(30)	-
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NET INCOME	181	187	315	365
Preferred dividends	(23)	(23)	(46)	(46)
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EARNINGS(LOSS) APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$ 158	\$ 164	\$ 269	\$ 319
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PRIMARY EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE				
Income before extraordinary gain(loss), net	\$.49	\$.51	\$.93	\$ 1.00
Extraordinary gain(loss), net	-	-	(.09)	-
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PRIMARY EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$.49	\$.51	\$.84	\$ 1.00
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FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE				
Income before extraordinary gain(loss), net	\$.47	\$.49	\$.91	\$.96
Extraordinary gain(loss), net	-	-	(.09)	-
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FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$.47	\$.49	\$.82	\$.96
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AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	322.4	318.2	320.9	317.8
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(a) Includes an adjustment to corporate taxes, as quarterly consolidated taxes are computed in accordance with Interpretation No. 18 of APB Opinion No. 28 and hence are based on projections of total-year income and taxes. Also, includes an offset for charges and credits in lieu of U.S. federal income taxes allocated to the divisions. Divisional earnings in the second quarters of 1996 and 1995 have benefited from credits allocated by \$4 million, \$12 million and \$7 million at oil and gas, natural gas transmission and chemical, respectively.

SUMMARY OF OPERATING STATISTICS

Periods Ended June 30 =====	Second Quarter		Six Months	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
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NET OIL, GAS AND LIQUIDS PRODUCTION PER DAY				
United States				
Crude oil and condensate (thousands of barrels)	54	66	56	66
Natural gas liquids (thousands of barrels)	11	12	11	11
Natural gas (millions of cubic feet)	611	632	613	638
Other Western Hemisphere				
Crude oil and condensate (thousands of barrels)	130	130	129	126
Eastern Hemisphere				
Crude oil and condensate (thousands of barrels)	105	89	104	87
Natural gas (millions of cubic feet)	120	118	128	113
NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION DELIVERIES				
Sales (billions of cubic feet)	150	134	343	308
Transportation (billions of cubic feet)	326	353	845	768
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (millions)	\$ 275	\$ 220	\$ 508	\$ 380
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DEPRECIATION, DEPLETION AND AMORTIZATION OF ASSETS (millions)	\$ 227	\$ 235	\$ 451	\$ 473
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION
(Registrant)

DATE: July 23, 1996

S. P. Dominick, Jr.

S. P. Dominick, Jr., Vice
President and Controller
(Chief Accounting and Duly
Authorized Officer)