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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 Chad E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EPL OIL & GAS, INC. [EPL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O EPL OIL & GAS, INC., 201 ST. CHARLES AVENUE, SUITE 3400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/07/2013

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

Senior VP - Production

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70170

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/07/2013		A	3,226 <u>(2)</u>	A <u>(2)</u> 23,828	D	
Common Stock					383	I	401(k) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.25	01/07/2013		A	6,168	⁽³⁾ 01/07/2023	Common Stock	6,168

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Williams Chad E C/O EPL OIL & GAS, INC. 201 ST. CHARLES AVENUE, SUITE 3400 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70170			Senior VP - Production	

Signatures

David Cedro, Attorney
in Fact 01/11/2013

**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) Shares of restricted stock granted on January 7, 2013 under the Issuer's 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended. The restricted shares are subject to customary transfer restrictions and risk of forfeiture provisions, which lapse in one-third increments on the first three anniversaries of the Date of Grant.
- (2) Consistent with the provisions of the Issuer's 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan, the grantee did not pay any consideration to the Issuer for the restricted shares that were granted. By way of reference, the closing price per share of the Issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 7, 2013 was \$23.25.
- (3) The stock options were granted under the Issuer's 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan and will vest and become exercisable in one-third increments on the first three anniversaries of the Date of Grant.

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