

Ellis Mark E  
Form 4  
January 28, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ellis Mark E

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  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Sr VP, N. American Production

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/26/2005                              |                                                             | A <sup>(1)</sup>                        |                                                                            | 5,000                                                                                                              | A                                                                    | 11 5,000                                                          |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock Option<br>(right to buy)                      | \$ 44.215                                                             | 01/26/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       | 2,200                                                                                                        | (2) 01/25/2015                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 2,200                               |
| Stock Option<br>(right to buy)                      | \$ 44.215                                                             | 01/26/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       | 17,800                                                                                                       | (2) 01/26/2015                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 17,800                              |
| Performance<br>Share Units                          | (3)                                                                   | 01/26/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       | 20,000                                                                                                       | (3) (3)                                                        | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 20,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                 | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Ellis Mark E<br>BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC.<br>717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Sr VP, N. American Production    |

## Signatures

Mark E. Ellis 01/28/2005

\_\_\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on January 26, 2006.
- (3) 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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