

CALLON FRED L  
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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 \*  
CALLON FRED L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/21/2006

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

Chairman, President, CEO

(Street)  
NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

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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**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   |            |   |                        |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2006                           | 08/21/2006   | M                              | V   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 0  | 273,865    | D |                        |
| Common Stock                    | 08/21/2006                           | 08/21/2006   | F                              | V   | 3,145<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 15.83  | 270,720    | D |                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 11,475 (2) | I | 401(k) Account         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 92,170     | I | By Custodian For Child |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 24,904     | I | Spouse                 |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|-----|--|------------------|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V      | (A) | (D)  | Date Exercisable |   |
| 2006 Performance Shares                    | \$ 15.83   | 08/21/2006                           | 08/21/2006   | A                              | V   | 50,000 | (3) | 08/21/2006   | 08/21/2010       | Common Stock                                      |
| 2006 Performance Shares                    | \$ 15.83   | 08/21/2006                           | 08/21/2006   | M                              | V   | 10,000 |     | 08/21/2006   | 08/21/2010       | Common Stock                                      |
| 2004 Performance Shares                    | \$ 13.71   |                                      |  |                                |   |        |     | 05/05/2005   | 07/14/2014       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 9.47  |                                      |  |                                |   |        |     | 02/20/1999   | 08/20/2008       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 10.5  |                                      |  |                                |   |        |     | 09/23/2000   | 03/23/2010       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 4.5   |                                      |  |                                |   |        |     | 01/13/2003   | 07/12/2012       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 3.7   |                                      |  |                                |   |        |     | 02/24/2003   | 08/23/2012       | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address          | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| CALLON FRED L<br>200 NORTH CANAL STREET | X             |           | Chairman,<br>President, |       |

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

CEO

## Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as  
Attorney-in-fact for

08/21/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 withheld by issuer to pay federal and state withholding taxes.

The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's account balance within the Callon

- (2) Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan (401(k) Plan) on the day prior to this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price per share on that day.
- (3) Performance Stock awarded by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer on August 21, 2006. These shares vest 20% on the grant date and 20% of each following anniversary date.

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