TIDEWATER INC Form 4

February 06, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURRILL PAUL W

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TIDEWATER INC [TDW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

C/O TIDEWATER INC., 601

POYDRAS ST., SUITE 19000

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

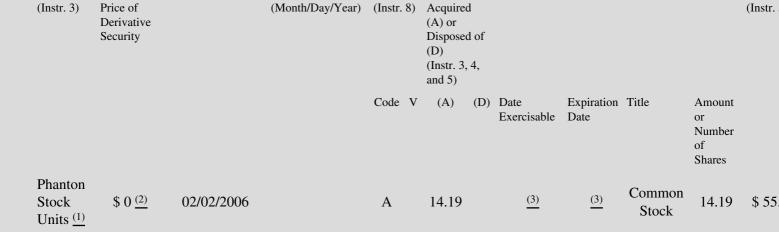
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURRILL PAUL W C/O TIDEWATER INC. 601 POYDRAS ST., SUITE 19000 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

X

Signatures

Paul W. Murrill, by: Michael L. Goldblatt, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

02/06/2006

**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) Acquired pursuant to Tidewater Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors.
- (2) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Phantom Stock Units are paid in cash upon termination of Board service or such other date chosen by reporting person in accordance with (3) Tidewater's Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors. The Reporting person has elected to have the shares in 10 annual

installments commencing January 3, 2005.

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