FORM 4

1. Name and Address of Reporting  $\mathsf{Person}^\star$ 

Foutch Randy A

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X Director

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

<u>Laredo Petroleum, Inc.</u> [ LPI ]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 900						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2018								X	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman & CEO						
(Street) TULSA OK 74119						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv	1 ' '						
(City) (State) (Zip)							Form filed by More than One Reporting P											ung Person			
		Т	able I - No	on-De	rivat	ive S	Securitie	s A	cquired	l, Di	sposed o	of, or Be	nef	icially C	wned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date (Month/						Execution Date,		Code (	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (AD Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3		or and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	r l	Price	Transaction (Instr. 3 and	(s) 4)		l`	,,		
Common Stock 0					16/201			D		10,581	(1) <b>D</b>		\$0	898,731		D					
Common S	Stock			02/1	16/201	18			A		348,213	(2) A		\$8.36	1,246,944		D				
Common S	Stock			02/1	16/201	2018			A		104,469	(3) A		\$8.36	1,351,4	413 I					
Common S	Stock			02/16/2018					D		25,692	(1) D		\$0	1,325,721		D				
Common Stock														451,340		I Ra		By Lariat Ranch LLC <sup>(4)</sup>			
Common Stock															90,037		Ι	]	By Foutch Family Frust A <sup>(5)</sup>		
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			Table II								posed of converti				vned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ive Conversion Date Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ed 4. Transact Code (In		ection	5. Number of Derivative		6. Date Expiration	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		able and 7. Title and Amo Securities Under		nount of lerlying urity	Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Ben Own Foll Rep		ies :ially ng	10. Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr.	(D) Beneficia Ownershi rect (Instr. 4)			
					Code	V (A) (D)		Date Exercisal	ole	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr.								
Performance Units	(7)	02/16/2018 <sup>(7)</sup>			A		348,213		02/16/20	21	(7) Performa Units		ce	348,213	3 \$0 3		213 D				
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$14.12								02/17/201	.8 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/17/2027	Common Stock	1	119,826		119,	826	D			
Performance Units	(9)								02/17/20	20	(9)	Common Stock		158,434		158,	58,434 D				
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$4.1								02/19/201	.7 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/19/2026	Common Stock	1	310,111		310,	,111	D			
Performance (10) Units							02/19/20	19	(10)	Common Stock	1	388,817		388,	817	D					
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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)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  Transaction Security Securit		5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispo of (D) (In 3, 4 and	re es I (A) sed str.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$11.93							02/27/2016 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/27/2025	Common Stock	167,904		167,904	D	
Performance Units	(11)							02/27/2018	(11)	Common Stock	160,159		160,159	D	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$25.6							02/27/2015 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/27/2024	Common Stock	96,040		96,040	D	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$17.34							02/15/2014 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/15/2023	Common Stock	128,709		128,709	D	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$24.11							02/03/2013 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/03/2022	Common Stock	62,868		62,868	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person in connection with the vesting of a portion of restricted shares previously granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- 2. These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- 3. These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest one year after the date of the grant.
- 4. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), Mr. Foutch may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the 360,148 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by the Foutch Family Trusts, the 500 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by this daughter and the 451,340 shares of common stock held by Lariat Ranch LLC. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Exchange Act, Mr. Foutch herein states that this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that he is the beneficial owner of such shares of common stock. Mr. Foutch disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of the Issuer, except to the extent that he has a pecuniary interest in such shares of common stock.
- 5. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), Mr. Foutch may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the 400,148 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by the Foutch Family Trusts, the 500 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by the Foutch herein states that this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that he is the beneficial owner of such shares of common stock. Mr. Foutch disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of the Issuer, except to the extent that he has a pecuniary interest in such shares of common stock.
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- 7. These performance share units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance share unit represents a share of common stock. The performance share units will be payable, if at all, in common stock, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured (i) against an industry peer group, (ii) on an absolute share return basis and (iii) based on a return on average capital employed metric, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2020. The final number of shares of common stock granted can range from 0% to 200% of the performance share units.
- 8. This stock option was granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant.
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## Remarks:

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser as attorney-in-fact for Randy A. Foutch

02/21/2018

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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