#### ULTRA PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

**NIELSON JAMES E** 

ULTRA PETROLEUM CORP

(Check all applicable)

[UPL]

Symbol

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

363 N. SAM HOUSTON

(Street)

(State)

PARKWAY EAST, SUITE 1200

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

08/30/2005

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

(City)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/30/2005		S	9,300	D	\$ 41.7828	190,300	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2005		S	12,700	D	\$ 41.7311	177,600	D	

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

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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

**NIELSON JAMES E** 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY EAST **SUITE 1200** HOUSTON, TX 77060

## **Signatures**

/s/Kelly L. 09/30/2005 Whitley

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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