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FORM 4

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

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ellis Mark E

(First) (Middle)

BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE,

HOUSTON, TX 77002

SUITE 2100

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

01/11/2005

Symbol

[BR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Owned Following

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr VP, N. American Production

6. Ownership

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

X_ Officer (give title

0.5

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e				(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	;				
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount	
					() ()	Exercisable	Date		or	
									Number	
									of	
									Shares	
Phantom								Common		
Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/11/2005		A	75	(2)	(3)		75	\$ 41.455
Units							_	Stock		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ellis Mark E BURLINGTON RESOURCES INC. 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2100 HOUSTON, TX 77002

Sr VP, N. American Production

Signatures

Mark E. Ellis 01/13/2005

**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)** 1 for 1
- (2) Immediately.
- (3) These phantom stock units were acquired under the Company's deferred compensation plan and are to be settled in cash upon retirement or other termination from the Company.

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