

CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO  
Form 3  
November 15, 2002

FORM 3

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

**Childers, Michael P.**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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Suite 960**

(Street)  
**Houston, TX 77098**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event

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Requiring Statement

Month/Day/Year

**11/08/2002**

3. I.R.S. Identification

Number of Reporting

Person, if an entity

(voluntary)

4. Issuer ~~name~~ or Trading Symbol

**Contango Oil & Gas Company**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director

10% Owner

Officer (give title below)

Other (specify below)

Description

6. If Amendment,

Date of Original

(Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security

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(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr.4)

3. Ownership Form:

Direct (D)

or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

**No securities owned**

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)
2. Date Exercisable(DE) and  
Expiration Date(ED)  
(Month/Day/Year)

DE / ED

3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  
 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Title / Amount or Number of Shares

(Instr.5) 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
 (Instr.5) **No securities owned**  
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**Explanation of Responses:**

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, MICHAEL P. CHILDERS, hereby authorizes each of Kenneth R. Peak, William H. Gibbons and Lesia Bautina, as the undersign's attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute in the name and on behalf of the undersign, and to file any and all Form 3s - Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities, Form 4s - Statement of Changes of Beneficial Ownership of Securities and Form 5s - Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities, required to be filed by the undersign with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Executed this 29th day of October, 2002.

/s/ MICHAEL P. CHILDERS  
 Name: Michael P. Childers

**By:**  
/s/ William H. Gibbons Attorney-in-Fact for Michael P. Childers

11/15/2002

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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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