

Nicklin David F
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Nicklin David F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Matador Resources Co [MTDR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/16/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exe Director of Exploration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A	7,657 A \$ 0	7,657 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A	7,656 A \$ 0	15,313 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A	7,656 A \$ 0	22,969 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					34,000	I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾

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)

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 10.49	04/16/2012		A		30,625		<u>(5)</u>	04/15/2017	Common Stock	30,625

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Nicklin David F 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240	Exe Director of Exploration

Signatures

/s/ David F. Nicklin, by Kyle A. Ellis as
Attorney-in-Fact

04/18/2012

____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) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.

(2) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.

(3) Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an applicable number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.

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- (4) Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement Account.
- (5) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.

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