Nickles Donald L Form 4 February 03, 2005

#### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SECURITIES** obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Nickles Donald L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VALERO ENERGY CORP/TX

[VLO]

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

> (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2005

P.O. BOX 696000

(Street)

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

3.

below)

Officer (give title

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78269-6000

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Issuer

X\_ Director

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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

Common

Stock, \$.01 02/03/2005 par value

750 \$0 A Α 750 D

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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.015	02/03/2005		A	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/03/2015	common stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Nickles Donald L P.O. BOX 696000 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78269-6000	X					

### **Signatures**

J. Stephen Gilbert, as Attorney-in-Fact for Donald L.
Nickles

02/03/2005

\*\*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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning 02/03/2006.

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