

WPX ENERGY, INC. Reported by NATALI STEVEN G.

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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

Person * Statement (MM/DD/YY		•	iiring	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WPX ENERGY, INC. [WPX]						
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
ONE WILLIAMS CENTER	Director X Officer (give title below) Senior Vice President /			10% Owner Other (specify below)						
(Street) TULSA, OK 74172 (City) (State) (Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			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 - No	on-Deriva	tive S	ecurities Benef	icially	Owned	<u> </u>			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securiti Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock			(0)				
Table II - Derivative Securi	ities Benefic	ially Own	ed (<i>e</i> .	g. , puts, calls,	warra	ınts, op	tions,	convertible	e securities)	
(Instr. 4)	Date Exercisable ad Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount Securities Underlyin Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		ng Conv or Ex Price Deriv		Conversion r Exercise rrice of Derivative	Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Natali Steven G.								
ONE WILLIAMS CENTER			Senior Vice President					
TULSA, OK 74172								

Signatures

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 5(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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR

SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints James J. Bender and Stephen E. Brilz as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of WPX Energy, Inc. a Delaware corporation, (the "Corporation"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Corporation, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Corporation's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable:
- (3) neither the Corporation nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney. This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of December, 2011.

/s/ Steven G. Natali Signature

Steven G. Natali Print Name