SEC Form 4

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Driver John	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol Vital Energy, Inc. [VTLE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last)　　(First)　　(Middle) 521 E. 2ND STREET, SUITE 1000	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2024	☑ Director　　　　☐ 10% Owner ☐ Officer (give title below)　☐ Other (specify below)
(Street) TULSA　　OK　　74120 (City)　　(State)　　(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☑ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication
☐ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	08/01/2024		A		941		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	941	$0	5,336	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and represent partial payment of the director's retainer and director fees.

2. These deferred stock units are granted under the Issuer's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and represent partial payment of the director's retainer and director fees. Each deferred stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer.

Remarks:

/s/ Mark D. Denny as attorney-in-fact for John Driver　　08/05/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person　　Date

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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