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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**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**

Check this box if no longer
subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i> Straker, Jr., John W.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Equity Oil Company (Ticker: EQTY)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity <i>(Voluntary)</i>
4900 Boggs Road <i>(Street)</i> Zanesville, OH 43702-0910 <i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i>	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 10/23/02	5. If Amendment, Date of Original <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <i>(Check All Applicable)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i>	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

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).

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 Transactions(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		
Common Stock	10/23/02		P		100	A	\$2.00	I	(1)
Common Stock	10/24/02		P		8000	A	\$2.00	I	(1)
Common Stock	10/25/02		P		6511	A	\$2.00		
Common Stock								492,259	D

