Crestview Partners III GP, L.P.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Crestview Partners III GP,

L.P.

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NORTHERN OIL & GAS, INC. [NOG]

C/O CRESTVIEW

PARTNERS. 590 MADISON **AVENUE, 36TH FLOOR**

(Street)

Statement

10/01/2018

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

__X__ 10% Owner Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting

Person

X Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock Ι See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)51,476,961

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owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

Conversion

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Ownership

or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Forward Contract	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	<u>(4)</u>	\$ <u>(4)</u>	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Crestview Partners III GP, L.P. C/O CRESTVIEW PARTNERS 590 MADISON AVENUE, 36TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
Crestview W2 Holdings, L.P. C/O CRESTVIEW PARTNERS 590 MADISON AVENUE, 36TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â	
W Energy Partners LLC 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD SUITE 550 DALLAS, TX 75219	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
WR Operating LLC 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD SUITE 550 DALLAS, TX 75219	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	

Signatures

By: Crestview Partners III GP, L.P., By: Crestview, L.L.C., its general partner, By: /s/ Ross A. Oliver, General Counsel				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
By: Crestview W2 Holdings, L.P., By: Crestview W2 GP, LLC, its general partner, By: /s/ Ross A. Oliver, General Counsel				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
By: W Energy Partners LLC, By: /s/ Shane Hannabury, President				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			
By: WR Operating LLC, By: /s/ Shane Hannabury, President				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Reporting Owners 2

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- Represents shares of Common Stock of the Issuer ("Common Stock") acquired pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between WR Operating LLC and the Issuer, dated as of July 27, 2018 (the "Purchase Agreement") and filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Form 8-K filed by the Issuer with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2018, which Common Stock was initially acquired by WR Operating LLC and then distributed to its parent W Energy Partners LLC, the direct holder of the Common Shares.
- Crestview W2 Holdings, L.P., in its capacity as a member of W Energy Partners LLC, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock directly held by W Energy Partners LLC. Crestview Partners III GP, L.P. exercises voting and dispositive power over the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Crestview W2 Holdings, L.P. which decisions are made by the investment committee of Crestview Partners III GP, L.P.
- (3) Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, to the extent the Reference Price for each specified month exceeds the greater of the VWAP for such month or \$2.00, the Reporting Persons are entitled to Additional Consideration equal to such excess multiplied by the specified amount of Unrestricted Shares for such month (as each such term is defined in the Purchase Agreement), payable in cash (or, for months occurring after March 2019, in Common Stock at the election of the Issuer) on or prior to the 5th day of the following month.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 99 - Joint Filer Information

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