

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Malone Mark (Last) (First) (Middle) 3001 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY (Street) OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GULFPORT ENERGY CORP [GPOR]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP, Operations	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	45,447 (1)	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 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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Malone Mark 3001 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134			SVP, Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Michael G. Moore as attorney in fact for Mark K. Malone		03/17/2017
**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).

Amount includes 43,001 unvested restricted stock units granted under the equity incentive plan of Gulfport Energy Corporation (the "Issuer") prior to Mr. Malone becoming an executive officer of the Issuer. Of these restricted stock units, 4,000 units will vest on August 15, 2017, 11,666 units will vest on August 27, 2017, 4,001 units will vest on August 15, 2018, 11,667 units will vest on August 27, 2018 and 11,667 units will vest on August 27, 2019.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION
LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 13 AND SECTION 16 FILINGS

I, Mark Malone, of 3001 Quail Springs Parkway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73134 do hereby make, constitute and appoint Michael G. Moore, Paul K. Heerwagen IV and Keri Crowell, my true and lawful attorneys for the purposes hereinafter set forth, effective as of this 24 day of February, 2017.

References in this limited power of attorney to "my Attorneys" are to the persons named above and to the person or persons substituted hereunder pursuant to the power of substitution granted herein.

I hereby grant to my Attorneys, for me and in my name, place and stead, the power:

1. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as a stockholder of Gulfport Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), any Schedule 13D and Schedule 13G, and all and any amendments thereto, in accordance with Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
2. To execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of the Company, Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, and all and any amendments thereto, in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act;
3. To do and to perform any and all acts for and on my behalf that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5, or any amendment thereto, and to timely file such schedule, form or amendment thereto with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
4. To take any other action of any type whatsoever that, in the opinion of my Attorney, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing grant of authority, it being understood that the documents executed by my Attorney pursuant to this limited power of attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as my Attorney may approve.

I hereby grant to my Attorneys full power and authority to do and to perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my Attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this limited power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. I acknowledge and agree that neither my Attorneys nor the Company is assuming any of my responsibilities to comply with the Exchange Act.

This limited power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file any Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 with respect to my holdings of, and transactions in, securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by me in a signed writing delivered to each of my Attorneys and the substitutes therefore, if any. This limited power of attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this instrument on the date first above written.

/s/ Mark Malone
MARK MALONE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA

Before me, Christina M. Allen, on this day personally appeared Mark Malone, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 24 day of February, 2017.

/s/ Christina M. Allen
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 10/17/18
[Affix Notary Seal]