

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILLIS CHARLES F IV**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP [wlfc]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 773 SAN MARIN DRIVE, SUITE 2215

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/17/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CEO

(Street)  
 NOVATO, CA 94998

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2011                           | 12/17/2011   | F                              | (1) 7,152 \$ 11.41  | 660,310   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2011                           | 12/19/2011   | J(2)                           | 3,417 A \$ 0  | 663,727   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2011                           | 12/19/2011   | G V                            | 1,139 D \$ 0  | 662,588   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2011                           | 12/19/2011   | G V                            | 1,139 D \$ 0  | 661,449   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2011                           | 12/19/2011   | G V                            | 1,139 D \$ 0  | 660,310   | D  |                                   |

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|--------------|------------|------------|------------------|---|-------|---|------|-----------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2011 | 12/19/2011 | J                | V | 4,218 | D | \$ 0 | 2,196,447 | I | CFW Partners            |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2011 | 12/19/2011 | J <sup>(3)</sup> | V | 1,139 | A | \$ 0 | 4,489     | I | Son <sup>(4)</sup>      |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2011 | 12/19/2011 | J <sup>(5)</sup> | V | 1,139 | A | \$ 0 | 4,489     | I | Daughter <sup>(6)</sup> |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIS CHARLES F IV<br>773 SAN MARIN DRIVE<br>SUITE 2215<br>NOVATO, CA 94998 | X             | X         | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Charles F.  
Willis IV

12/19/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

- (1) Return to Issuer of previously restricted shares to satisfy withholding tax liability.
- (2) Pro-rata distribution from CFW Partners of which reporting person is a general partner.
- (3) Gift from Charles F. Willis IV to son
- (4) Charles F. Willis V Trust
- (5) Gift from Charles F. Willis IV to daughter
- (6) JTWROS

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