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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287		
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Form 5 obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	Section 17((a) of the l	Public U	Jtility Ho	lding Coi		inge Act of 1934, t of 1935 or Secti 1940				
(Print or Type Respo	onses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BOLTON JOHN R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
		DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING INC [DO]				(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction				X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
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Fi				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
HOUSTON, TX	1/094						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tał	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)3.Code (Month/Day/Year)Code (Instr. 8)		1 \		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
				Code V	Amount		(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	eficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly.				
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	5)	Derivative (I Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Y	ear)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 103.02	10/01/2008		А		500		10/01/2008	10/01/2018	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh	iips	IS				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOLTON JOHN R 15415 KATY FREEWAY SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77094	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ William C. Long Attorney-i Bolton		10/03/2008						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reportin		Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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