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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL JOBE and RICHARD VLASICH,

Defendants.

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4-10-CV-711-Y
Civil Action No.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") files this suit against Defendants Michael Jobe and Richard Valisch and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

SUMMARY

1. Michael Jobe ("Jobe") and Richard Vlasich ("Vlasich") violated the federal securities acts engaging in insider trading. Jobe learned from an XTO Energy, Inc. ("XTO Energy") employee that Exxon Mobil would be acquiring XTO Energy. Despite assurances to the employee that he would not trade on the information and would not to tell anyone else about the deal, Jobe did both. Jobe purchased XTO Energy stock and call options in family member accounts the week before the December 14, 2009, announcement that Exxon Mobil would acquire XTO Energy. He also told Vlasich that XTO Energy would be acquired and advised Vlasich to purchase XTO Energy

securities. Vlasich purchased XTO Energy call options prior to the December 14 announcement.

2. In the interest of preventing any future illegal conduct by the Defendants, the Commission seeks orders of the Court permanently enjoining Jobe and Vlasich from engaging in future violations of the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, requiring Jobe and Vlasich to disgorge, with prejudgment interest, the unjust enrichment gained as a result of the actions described herein, and imposing civil money penalties under Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1] against the Defendants.

JURISDICTION

3. The Court has jurisdiction over this action under Section 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78aa]. Jobe and Vlasich, directly or indirectly, used the means or instruments of interstate commerce, the mails, or the facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the acts described herein. Venue is proper because certain of the transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business occurred within the Northern District of Texas.

PARTIES

4. Michael Jobe is retired and resides in Fort Worth.

5. Richard Vlasich is a friend of Michael Jobe and resides in Fort Worth. He is also retired.

BACKGROUND FACTS

6. XTO Energy was an oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Fort Worth. Its common stock traded on the NYSE with a ticker symbol of XTO until June 25,

2010. Exxon Mobil is one of the largest oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world, headquartered in Irving, Texas. Exxon's common stock trades on the NYSE with a ticker symbol of XOM.

7. On December 14, 2009, Exxon Mobil announced, prior to the opening of trading, that it would acquire XTO Energy. As a result of the announcement, the price of XTO's stock jumped nearly 20%, from \$41.49 at the close on December 11, 2009 (the business day before the announcement) to as high as \$49.10 a share on the day of the announcement.

8. Jobe learned from an XTO Energy employee about XTO Energy's impending acquisition by Exxon Mobil approximately two weeks before the December 14 announcement. The employee told Jobe about the proposed transaction and told him not to trade based on the information. The employee also advised him not to "say anything" about the impending deal to anyone else.

9. Jobe agreed with the XTO Energy employee that he would not trade on the information he received or pass the information on to anyone else.

10. Jobe and Vlasich have been friends for years and spoke several times a week, typically about stocks and trading. On December 11, 2009, Jobe informed Vlasich of the impending merger and advised Vlasich to purchase XTO Energy securities.

11. On December 9, 2009, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Jobe purchased 1,000 XTO Energy shares of common stock at \$39.94 per share in a rollover IRA account in the name of a family member. Between 3:34 p.m. EST and 3:57 p.m. EST on December 11, Jobe purchased 250 XTO Energy December 43 call options at \$.15 each in another account in a family member's name.

After the December 14 announcement, Jobe sold the call options, yielding total gains of \$99,550. The XTO Energy shares were priced at \$47.61 each at the end of trading on December 14, 2009, yielding Jobe a gain of \$7,670 on those shares.

12. On December 11, after Jobe told him about the impending merger, Vlasich purchased a total of 200 December 40 call options at \$1.66 and \$1.67 each and 1000 January 45 XTO Energy call options at between \$.44 and \$.50 each in two accounts. His purchases were made between 1:57 p.m. EST and 3:38 p.m. EST. Vlasich sold the options the day of the announcement, profiting by \$466,295.90.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Thereunder

13. Plaintiff Commission repeats and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 12 of this Complaint by reference as if set forth *verbatim*.

14. Jobe and Vlasich, with scienter and by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce or of the mails, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities: (a) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material fact or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (c) engaged in acts, practices or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit.

15. By reason of the actions alleged herein, Jobe and Vlasich violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

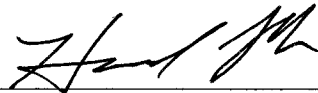
REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The Commission seeks the following relief:

- (i) an order of the Court permanently enjoining Jobe and Vlasich from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5];
- (ii) an order of the Court requiring Jobe and Vlasich to disgorge illicit benefits realized as a result of the actions alleged herein and to pay prejudgment interest thereon;
- (iii) an order of the Court imposing civil monetary penalties against Jobe and Vlasich under Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u-1]; and
- (iv) such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: September 24, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____
 (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
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DEFENDANTS
 MICHAEL JOBE and RICHARD VLASICH, Defnesants

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant **Tarrant**
 (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. **4-10CV-711-Y**

Attorneys (If Known)
 Dan C. Guthrie, Jr., Attorney for Defendant Michael Jobe
 Wayne Secore, Attorney for Richard Vlasich

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff

2 U.S. Government Defendant

3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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3 Remanded from Appellate Court

4 Reinstated or Reopened

5 Transferred from another district (specify)

6 Multidistrict Litigation

7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act of 1934 [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10(b)].

Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

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JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions) PENDING OR CLOSED:

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