

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO  
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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 \*  
 SHEFFIELD SCOTT D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO [PXD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD.,  
 SUITE 200  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board and CEO

IRVING, TX 75039

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	Price		
Common Stock					447,196	D	
Common Stock					22,135 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)					
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	1,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	1,800	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	1,500	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	2,400	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,400	\$ 17
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	100	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	100	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	1,400	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,400	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	500	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	500	\$ 16
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	900	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	900	\$ 17
Phantom Stock	(2)	02/13/2009		A	500	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	500	\$ 17

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHEFFIELD SCOTT D 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 200 IRVING, TX 75039	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

## Signatures

By: Mark H. Kleinman, Attorney-in-Fact For Scott D.  
Sheffield

02/18/2009

\_\_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) Consists of shares beneficially owned as a result of reporting person's ownership of units in the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 401(k) Plan.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of PXD common stock or the cash value thereof.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's employment with PXD. The reporting person may transfer his phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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