

TRIMBLE JAMES M
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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 *
TRIMBLE JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PDC ENERGY, INC. [pdce]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Pres., CEO and Director

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	01/16/2013		A	49,284 (1)	\$ 0 159,229	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽²⁾	\$ 37.18	01/16/2013		A	41,686	01/16/2014 01/16/2023	Common Stock	41,686
Performance Share Rights	⁽³⁾	01/16/2013		A	19,880	⁽³⁾ 12/31/2015	Common Stock	19,880

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRIMBLE JAMES M 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203	X		Pres., CEO and Director	

Signatures

/s/ James M.
Trimble

01/18/2013

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) The common stock vests in three equal installments on January 16, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

(2) The SARs become exercisable in three equal installments on January 16, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The participant also holds additional previously awarded SARs subject to different vesting, exercise price and other criteria.

Each performance share/right represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that target number of shares of PDCE common stock.

(3) The performance shares/rights vest upon continued employment and achievement of specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers. Participant also holds additional previously awarded performance shares/rights, all subject to different future vesting and performance criteria.

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