

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO
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FORM 4

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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)
 03/12/2010

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman & 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					22,133 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k)
Common Stock	03/12/2010		M		10,000	A	\$ 25.58 632,283
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		1,400	D	\$ 52.2096 630,883
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		500	D	\$ 52.21 630,383
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		1,900	D	\$ 52.2142 628,483

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Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	326	D	\$ 52.225	628,157	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.23	627,657	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	1,200	D	\$ 52.2392	626,457	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.24	625,957	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	1,100	D	\$ 52.2468	624,857	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	400	D	\$ 52.2687	624,457	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.27	624,257	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.28	624,057	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	374	D	\$ 52.2804	623,683	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	400	D	\$ 52.285	623,283	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.29	623,083	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.38	622,883	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.39	622,383	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	100	D	\$ 52.41	622,283	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)

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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and 5)

				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Num of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.58	03/12/2010		M				08/19/2005	08/19/2010	Common Stock	10

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			Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

Mark H. Kleinman, Attorney-in-Fact For Scott D. Sheffield	03/16/2010
**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

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