

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO  
 Form 4  
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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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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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