

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO
 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)
 02/14/2011

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman & CEO

IRVING, TX 75039

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | 22,086 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | | S | 200 D | \$ 98.5975 640,604 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | | S | 200 D | \$ 98.6 640,404 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | | S | 200 D | \$ 98.61 640,204 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | | S | 200 D | \$ 98.6125 640,004 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 500 | D | \$ 98.62 | 639,504 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.625 | 639,304 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 98.63 | 639,004 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 298 | D | \$ 98.64 | 638,706 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 98.645 | 638,306 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.65 | 638,106 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 98.655 | 638,006 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.67 | 637,806 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 98.6717 | 637,506 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 145 | D | \$ 98.6731 | 637,361 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 98.68 | 636,961 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.6825 | 636,761 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.685 | 636,561 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 98.69 | 636,461 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 98.695 | 636,261 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2011 | A | 25,704 | A | \$ 0 | 661,965 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 98.69 | 02/15/2011 | | A | 32,098 | 02/15/2014 02/15/2021 | Common Stock 32 |

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

02/15/2011

**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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