

Darnell Ronald N.
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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 *
Darnell Ronald N.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PNM RESOURCES INC [PNM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ALVARADO SQUARE, MS 0920

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2012

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

SR. VP, PUBLIC POLICY

(Street)
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87158

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | M | | 4,667 | A | \$ 7.98 (1) |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | S | | 4,667 | D | \$ 18.63 |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | M | | 6,866 | A | \$ 12.22 (1) |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2012 | | S | | 6,866 | D | \$ 18.63 |

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 7.98 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/09/2012 | | M | 4,667 | ⁽²⁾ 02/17/2009 | Common Stock | 4,667 |
| Stock Option | \$ 12.22 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/09/2012 | | M | 6,866 | ⁽²⁾ 02/26/2020 | Common Stock | 6,866 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Darnell Ronald N.
ALVARADO SQUARE
MS 0920
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87158

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SR. VP, PUBLIC POLICY

Signatures

RONALD N.
DARNELL

03/12/2012

**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) Based on the closing price on the date of the grant.

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments from grant date of issuance.

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