

PARKE DAVID C  
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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 \*  
PARKE DAVID C

(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)

01/11/2018

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)

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	01/11/2018		D	831 A <u>1</u>	16,936	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2018		D	1,127 A <u>2</u>	15,809	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, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock	(3)	01/11/2018		A	831	(4) (4)	Common Stock	831
Phantom Stock	(3)	01/13/2018		A	1,127	(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,127

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARKE DAVID C 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203	X			

## Signatures

David C. Parke                      01/16/2018  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) The reporting person previously elected to defer 831 shares of restricted stock vesting on January 11, 2018 (the shares of restricted stock were originally granted on January 11, 2016), and accordingly received 831 shares of phantom stock on January 11, 2018 pursuant to the PDC Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). As a result, the reporting person is reporting the disposition of 831 shares of common stock in exchange for an equal number of shares of phantom stock. The shares shown in column 9 of Table II include 3,455 shares previously acquired pursuant to the Plan and previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 filings.

(2) The reporting person previously elected to defer 1,127 shares of restricted stock vesting on January 13, 2018 (the shares of restricted stock were originally granted on January 13, 2015), and accordingly received 1,127 shares of phantom stock on January 13, 2018 pursuant to the PDC Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). As a result, the reporting person is reporting the disposition of 1,127 shares of common stock in exchange for an equal number of shares of phantom stock. The shares shown in column 9 of Table II include 3,455 shares previously acquired pursuant to the Plan and previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 filings.

(3)

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Each share of phantom stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock or, at the reporting person's election, the cash value thereof.

The phantom stock becomes payable upon the first to occur of (1) the reporting persons "separation of service" as defined under Section (4) 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or (2) a "Change in Control" of PDC Energy, Inc. as such item is defined in the Plan.

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