

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

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				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	03/12/2010		M		20,000	A	\$ 24.72 637,309
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		2,600	D	\$ 52.1765 634,709
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		300	D	\$ 52.195 634,409
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		1,200	D	\$ 52.2367 633,209
							22,133 <sup>(1)</sup> I 401(k)

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Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.242	632,709	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.2425	632,509	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	100	D	\$ 52.245	632,409	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	2,000	D	\$ 52.2497	630,409	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.25	630,209	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.255	630,009	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	800	D	\$ 52.2594	629,209	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	200	D	\$ 52.26	629,009	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	1,800	D	\$ 52.2631	627,209	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	700	D	\$ 52.27	626,509	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	900	D	\$ 52.2711	625,609	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	926	D	\$ 52.2804	624,683	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	100	D	\$ 52.29	624,583	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	900	D	\$ 52.3	623,683	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.32	623,183	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	500	D	\$ 52.37	622,683	D
Common Stock	03/12/2010	S	400	D	\$ 52.4	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)**

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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	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)	\$ 24.72	03/12/2010		M	20,000	08/12/2005 08/12/2010	Common Stock 20

## 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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