

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) Price   | 22,133 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | 401(k)  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 10,000 A \$ 25.58   | 632,283   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | S                              | 1,400 D \$ 52.2096  | 630,883   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | S                              | 500 D \$ 52.21  | 630,383   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | S                              | 1,900 D \$ 52.2142  | 628,483   | D  |   |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|

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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