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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Stock

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PARKE DAVID C Issuer Symbol PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 01/17/2018 below) 3000 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DENVER, CO 80203 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common

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)

616

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(1)

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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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	Pate		and Amount of 8. Priving Securities Deriving And 4) Securities (Instr	
			Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	01/17/2018	A	616	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	616	<u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PARKE DAVID C						

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 X DENVER, CO 80203

Signatures

David C. Parke 01/18/2018

**Signature of 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).

The reporting person previously elected to defer 616 shares of restricted stock vesting on January 17, 2018 (the shares of restricted stock were originally granted on January 17, 2017), and accordingly received 616 shares of phantom stock on January 17, 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 5,413 shares previously acquired pursuant to the Plan and previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 filings.
- (2) 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 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

Remarks:

The code previously reported in column 4 on Table I, lines 1 and 2 of a Form 4 filed by the reporting person on January 16, 20 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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