RILEY THOMAS EDWARD

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RILEY THOMAS EDWARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT

(Check all applicable)

President

below)

CORP [PETD]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

12/13/2004

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 103 E

MAIN STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

(Instr. 3 and 4)

102,587

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)

(D)

(A)

Code V Amount Price

Restricted Common

Stock

12/13/2004

5,390 Α

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D Se (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	972	12/13/2005	12/13/2014	Common Stock	972	9
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	973	12/13/2006	12/13/2014	Common Stock	973	9
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	972	12/13/2007	12/13/2014	Common Stock	972	9
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	973	12/13/2008	12/13/2014	Common Stock	973	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
RILEY THOMAS EDWARD C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP 103 E MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330	X		President		
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Signatures

/s/ Thomas E. Riley	12/15/2004	
**Signature of	Date	

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- * 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) These shares vest 25% upon the passage of each year following the grant.

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