PDC ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

January 09, 2017

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

(First)

1775 SHERMAN STREET, #3000

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

01/06/2017

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify below) below)

Non-Executive Chairman

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

Person

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

Issuer

DENVER, CO 80203

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Middle)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S				(Ins
				Code '	/ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
PHANTOM STOCK	<u>(1)</u>	01/06/2017		A	98	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	98	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runne, reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SWOVELAND JEFFREY C 1775 SHERMAN STREET, #3000 DENVER, CO 80203	X			Non-Executive Chairman			

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C.
Swoveland

**Signature of Reporting 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 shares were acquired by the trustee for \$77.13 per share pursuant to PDC's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock are held in a rabbi trust and become payable in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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