

PDC ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

January 19, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HONEYFIELD DAVID W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE  
3000**

(Street)

**DENVER, CO 80203**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE]**

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

**01/17/2017**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

CFO &amp; SVP

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**

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)
			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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	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)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 74.57	01/17/2017	A		7,962		<u>(1)</u>	01/17/2027	Common Stock	7,962
Performance Share Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/17/2017	A		4,128		<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2019	Common Stock	4,128

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HONEYFIELD DAVID W 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203			CFO & SVP	

## Signatures

/s/David W.  
Honeyfield 01/19/2017

\_\_\_\_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) The Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") become exercisable in three pro rata installments on December 28, 2017, December 28, 2018, and January 17, 2020.
- (2) Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that number in shares of PDCE common stock. The amount reported represents the "target" number. The performance share units vest upon continued employment and achievement of specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers, as measured on December of 2019 and as described in the related grant agreement.

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