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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DOVE TIMOTHY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Symbol

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO [PXD] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

PRESIDENT AND COO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004

_X__ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner _ Other (specify

5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900

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

Person

IRVING, TX 75039

(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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M	7,667	A	\$ 12.5	83,392	D			
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	5,667	D	\$ 35	77,725	D			
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	1,000	D	\$ 34.981	76,725	D			
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S	1,000	D	\$ 35.03	75,725	D			
Common Stock							339	I	401(k)		

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3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

5. Number

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7. Title and Amour

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5	12/15/2004		M	7,667	08/16/2001	08/16/2006	Common Stock	7,6

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

DOVE TIMOTHY L 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900 IRVING, TX 75039

PRESIDENT AND COO

Signatures

1. Title of

By: Mark L. Withrow, Attorney-in-Fact For: Timothy L.

Dove 12/16/2004

> **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).

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