

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SHEFFIELD SCOTT D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO [PXD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD.,
 SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/15/2015

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman & CEO

IRVING, TX 75039

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 22,057 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 20,000 | I | Family Trust (Officer Trustee) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 20,000 | I | Family Trust (Spouse Trustee) |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|---|--------|---|-------------|---------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 09/15/2015 | G ⁽²⁾ | V | 4,260 | A | \$ 0 | 4,260 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2015 | G ⁽²⁾ | V | 4,260 | D | \$ 0 | 638,983 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2015 | S ⁽³⁾ | | 11,019 | D | \$ 116.7565 | 627,964 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2015 | S ⁽⁴⁾ | | 3,981 | D | \$ 117.3499 | 623,983 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2015 | G | V | 10,000 | D | \$ 0 | 613,983 | D | |

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHEFFIELD SCOTT D 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 200 IRVING, TX 75039 | | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

Mark H. Kleinman, Attorney-in-Fact For Scott D. Sheffield
09/17/2015

__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) Consists of shares beneficially owned as a result of reporting person's ownership of units in the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 401(k)
- (2) The reporting person and his spouse entered into a marital property partition agreement pursuant to which 4,260 shares previously reported as owned directly by the reporting person, and which were community property, became the separate property of his spouse.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$116.18 to \$117.17. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person will provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$117.18 to \$117.66. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person will provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
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