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Form 8-K

April 11, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 8, 2005

Pioneer Natural Resources Company

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13245

75-2702753

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 900, Irving, Texas

75039

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(972) 444-9001

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Company previously announced the appointment of Mark S. Berg as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. In that regard, the Company has executed with Mr. Berg a letter dated April 8, 2005, outlining the initial terms of his employment. This letter provides that (i) his initial base salary will be \$330,000 per year; (ii) he will be eligible for an initial annual target bonus of 65 percent of base salary; (iii) he will receive an initial grant of Company restricted stock of 16,000 shares; (iv) he will be eligible for an annual grant of restricted stock based on individual performance and share availability; (v) he will be eligible to participate in the Company's retirement, benefit, health and relocation plans and perquisites available to executive officers; and (vi) he will receive a severance agreement in the same form as other similarly situated executive officers serving on the Company's management committee.

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S I G N A T U R E

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: April 11, 2005

By: /s/ Darin G. Holderness

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Darin G. Holderness  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer