

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO
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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

IRVING, TX 75039

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/07/2012

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

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2012 | | M | 30,000 A | \$ 15.62 | 739,258 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2012 | | S ⁽²⁾ | 30,000 D | \$ 98.7456 | 709,258 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.62 | 08/07/2012 | | M | 30,000 | 02/18/2012 02/18/2019 | Common Stock |

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

08/09/2012

**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) Plan

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$98.45 to \$99.28. 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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