SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

Form 4

October 02, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000

(Street)

C/O PDC ENERGY, INC., 1775

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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)

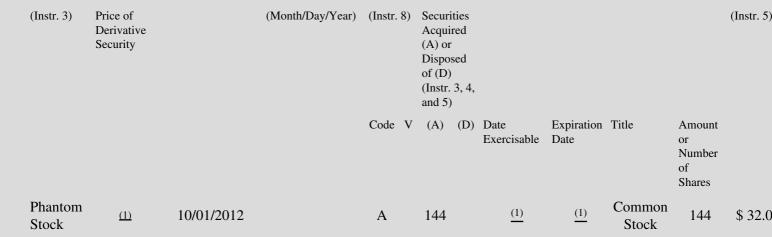
1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof Security or Exercise any Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Derivati (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SWOVELAND JEFFREY C C/O PDC ENERGY, INC. 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203

X

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Swoveland 10/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).

The shares were acquired by the trustee for \$32.03 per share pursuant to PDC's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock are held in a rabbi trust and become payable, in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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