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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SEXTON MARK S

(First)

(Street)

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)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/16/2005

_X__ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

IRVING, TX 75039

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (D)	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	02/16/2005		M	60,000	A	\$ 7.9502	159,865	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S	60,000	D	\$ 39.85	99,865	D	
Common Stock							10,119	I	IRA

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.9502	02/16/2005		M	60,000	09/28/2004	12/31/2006	Common Stock	60

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SEXTON MARK S 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900 IRVING, TX 75039	X					

Signatures

By: Larry N. Paulsen, Attorney-in-Fact For: Mark S. Sexton 02/17/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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