

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO  
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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)  
 03/30/2012

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

IRVING, TX 75039

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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					22,047 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock	03/30/2012		M	10,000 A \$ 15.62	730,258	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2012		S	3,062 D \$ 107.7149	727,196	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2012		S	200 D \$ 107.745	726,996	D	
Common Stock	03/30/2012		S	1,300 D \$ 107.75	725,696	D	

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Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	213	D	\$ 107.77	725,483	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	300	D	\$ 107.78	725,183	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	100	D	\$ 107.79	725,083	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	400	D	\$ 107.81	724,683	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	300	D	\$ 107.82	724,383	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	2,315	D	\$ 107.821	722,068	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	100	D	\$ 107.825	721,968	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	100	D	\$ 107.83	721,868	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	1,000	D	\$ 107.838	720,868	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	300	D	\$ 107.85	720,568	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	200	D	\$ 107.88	720,368	D
Common Stock	03/30/2012	S	110	D	\$ 107.9	720,258	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Num of S

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.62	03/30/2012	M	10,000	02/18/2012	02/18/2019	Common Stock	10
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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	04/02/2012
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\_\_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

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