

SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

Form 4

April 10, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PDC ENERGY, INC., 1775  
SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/09/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                       |                              |                                         |                                         |                        |                 |                                                                |                                                                     |                                       |

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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Instr. 5) |     |                     |                    |                 |                                        |          |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                  |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                                               | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |          |
| Phantom<br>Stock | (1)                                | 04/09/2013       | A          |                                                                                                 | 99         |     | (1)                 | (1)                | Common<br>Stock | 99                                     | \$ 46.62 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SVOVELAND JEFFREY C<br>C/O PDC ENERGY, INC.<br>1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000<br>DENVER, CO 80203 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C.  
Swoveland

04/10/2013

\*\*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) The shares were acquired by the trustee for \$46.62 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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