Pacific Ethanol, Inc. Form 4 August 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Prince John L

(First)

(Middle)

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Symbol

(Month/Day/Year) 07/28/2005

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

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

FRESNO,, CA 93711

5711 N. WEST AVENUE

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

4. Securities Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

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

Owned Following (A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (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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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4. **TransactionDerivative** Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date

(D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or

Number of Shares

Common Stock \$ 8.3 07/28/2005 A 15,000 07/28/2006 07/28/2015 Common Stock Option (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Prince John L

5711 N. WEST AVENUE X

FRESNO,, CA 93711

Signatures

/s/ John L.
Prince

**Signature of Reporting Person

O8/02/2005

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) Options fully vest and are exercisable commencing July 28, 2006, which is one year after their date of grant on July 28, 2005.

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