

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KOEHLER NEIL M**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 400 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 2060  
  
 (Street)  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/28/2014

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)  
 President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/28/2014		A		17,270 (1) \$ 0 319,667	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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOEHLER NEIL M 400 CAPITOL MALL SUITE 2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814	X		President & CEO	

### Signatures

/s/ Neil M. Koehler 05/28/2014  
 \*\*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) On May 23, 2014, Mr. Koehler and the other holders of Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock") of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. entered into an agreement with Pacific Ethanol, Inc. to, among other things, settle an outstanding obligation through payment in shares of common stock of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. of a portion of the accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock. The negotiated price of the common stock to be issued to Mr. Koehler and the other holders of the Preferred Stock was \$12.16 per share, which was the closing price per share of Pacific Ethanol's common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market on May 21, 2014, the day immediately preceding the commencement of the offering. On May 28, 2014, the transaction closed and Pacific Ethanol, Inc. issued, and Mr. Koehler acquired, 17,270 shares of common stock of Pacific Ethanol, Inc. in satisfaction of \$210,000 in accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock.

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