

PDC ENERGY, INC.
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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 *
Lauck Lance

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
01/16/2014

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)

Sr. VP Corporate Development

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/16/2014		M	2,794 A \$ 62,685		D	
Common Stock	01/16/2014		F	894 D \$ 49.57	61,791	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2014		F	2,359 (2) D \$ 49.57	59,432	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2014		A	11,948 (3) A \$ 0	71,380	D	
Common Stock					1,540 (4)	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Performance Share Rights	<u>(1)</u>	01/16/2014		M		1,791	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2013	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 49.57	01/16/2014		A		10,096		12/31/2014 01/16/2024	Common Stock
Performance Share Rights	<u>(6)</u>	01/16/2014		A		4,820	<u>(6)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lauck Lance 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr. VP Corporate Development	

Signatures

/s/Lance Lauck 01/21/2014
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Each performance share/right represented a contingent right to receive a share of PDC Energy, Inc. ("Company") stock upon achievement of specified minimum thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers described in the related grant agreement. Shares granted represented a 156% payout on previously awarded performance shares/rights.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon vesting of shares of restricted stock pursuant to time-based vesting.

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- (3) The common stock vests in three pro rata installments on December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015 and January 16, 2017.
- (4) 401(k) Plan holdings as of January 16, 2014.

- (5) The SARs become exercisable in three pro rata installments on December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015 and January 16, 2017. The reporting person also holds additional previously awarded SARs subject to different vesting, exercise price and other criteria.

Each performance share/right represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that number in shares of PDCE common stock. The performance shares/rights vest upon continued employment and achievement of specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR)

- (6) compared to certain peers, as described in the related grant agreement. Participant also holds additional previously awarded performance shares/rights, all subject to different future vesting and performance criteria.

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