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FORM 4

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

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

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

DENVER, CO 80203

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lauck Lance

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2019

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) V Amount (D) Price Common 3,692 01/05/2019 M A <u>(1)</u> 92,912 D Stock 1,809 Common \$ 01/05/2019 F D 91,103 D (2) 32.71 Stock Common By 401(k) Ι $3,058 \frac{(3)}{}$ Stock Plan

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)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5)	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Rights	<u>(1)</u>	01/05/2019		M		4,733	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2018	Common Stock	4,733

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

3 Transaction Date 3A Deemed

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lauck Lance

1 Title of

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203

EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy

5 Number 6 Date Exercisable and

7 Title and Amount of

Signatures

/s/ Nicole L. Martinet, by power of attorney

01/08/2019

**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).
- Each performance share/right represented a contingent right to receive shares of PDC Energy, Inc. common stock upon achievement of specified minimum thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers measured in December of 2018, as described in the related grant agreement. Shares granted represented a 78% 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 settlement of performance shares/rights.
- (3) 401(k) Plan holdings as of January 5, 2019.

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