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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting LOCKE STACY	Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (N	Middle)	PIONEER DRILLING CO [PDC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1250 N E LOOP 410 #1000		(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009	_X Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres/CEO		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Aca	uired Disposed of or Reneficially Owner		

(City)	(State)	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	juired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es Acq	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)		Beneficially	lly (D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A	47,100	A	\$0	153,507	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.84	03/02/2009		A	236,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2019	Common Stock	236,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LOCKE STACY 1250 N E LOOP 410 #1000 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209	X		Pres/CEO				

Signatures

Wm. Stacy
Locke

**Signature of Reporting Person

O3/03/2009

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 option becomes exercisable in three equal installments on March 2, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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