

PDC ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

January 18, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)

01/16/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. VP, Corp Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 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)
Common Stock	01/16/2013		F	(A) or (D) Amount 1,439 (1) Price \$ 37.18	59,901	D	
Common Stock	01/16/2013		A	(A) or (D) Amount 11,948 (2) Price \$ 0	63,849	D	
Common Stock					1,180 (3)	I	401(k) 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)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 37.18	01/16/2013		A	10,096	01/16/2014 01/16/2023	Common Stock	10,0
Performance Share Rights	⁽⁵⁾	01/16/2013		A	4,820	⁽⁵⁾ 12/31/2015	Common Stock	4,8

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Lance Lauck 01/18/2013

 **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) Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon vesting of restricted stock pursuant to time-based vesting.
- (2) The common stock vests in three equal installments on January 16, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (3) 401(k) Plan holdings as of December 31, 2012.
- (4) The SARs become exercisable in three equal installments on January 16, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The participant 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 target number of shares of PDCE common stock.
- (5) The performance shares/rights vest upon continued employment and achievement of specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers, as described in the related grant agreements. Participant also holds additional previously awarded performance shares/rights, all subject to different future vesting and performance criteria.

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