

Watson Jim Albert
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Watson Jim Albert

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO [PXD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD.,
 SUITE 900
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

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

IRVING, TX 75039

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M	1,586 A	\$ 0 (1) 7,754	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/03/2006		A		1,871	(3)	(4)	Common Stock	1,871
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/03/2006		M		1,586	05/03/2006	(4)	Common Stock	1,586

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Watson Jim Albert 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900 IRVING, TX 75039		X		

Signatures

By: Mark H. Kleinman, Attorney-in-Fact For: Jim Albert
Watson 05/04/2006

**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) Each restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of PXD common stock. The reporting person settled his/her restricted stock units for shares of PXD common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PXD common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in full on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant or the day prior to the date of the Company's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
- (4) Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the vest date (settlement date will be the same as vest date).

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