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FORM	4 UNITED) STATES			ND EXC D.C. 2054		GE C	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287
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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> McCullough Richard W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
C/O PETRO DEVELOPM CORPORAT STREET SU	IENT TION, 1775 SH	ERMAN	03/04/20	09				/	rman and 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				
DENVER, C	CO 80203							Form filed by M Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative Se	ecuriti	es Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. (Month/Day/Year) Exe any (Mo			3.4. Securities AcquiredTransaction(A) or Disposed ofCode(D)(Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Restricted Common Stock	03/04/2009			А	27,306 (1)	А	\$0	48,430	D	
Common Stock								795.683	Ι	401(k) shares

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Performance Shares/Rights	(2)	03/04/2009		А	12,175	(2)	12/31/2013	Common Stock	12,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
McCullough Richard W C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203				Chairman and CEO			
Signatures							
/s/ Richard W. McCullough	03/06/2009						
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**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) These shares vest in annual installments of 25% with the first vesting on March 4, 2010
- (2) Performance Shares vesting contingent on employment and achievement of certain specified minimum thresholds of share price performance as disclosed in a Form 8-K filed on March 5, 2009 by Petroleum Development Corporation

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