SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

Form 4

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

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SWOVELAND JEFFREY C

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT

(Check all applicable)

CORP [PETD]

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

01/09/2009

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 103 E

MAIN STREET

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Middle)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Title of 	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number Transaction of		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of		8. Price	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if				Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		Derivati Security
Security	Security or Exercise		any	Code	Deriv	ative	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or						(Instr. 5)
	Derivative										
	Security										
					Dispo	sed					
					of (D))					
					(Instr.	. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
				Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount	
				0000	(12)	(2)	Exercisable		11010	or	
							2.1010104010	24.0		Number	
										of	
										Shares	
										Similes	
Common	(1)	01/00/2000			225		(1)	(1)	Common	225	Ф 22 1
Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/09/2009		Α	225		(1)	(1)	Stock	225	\$ 22.1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SWOVELAND JEFFREY C C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP 103 E MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

X

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Swoveland 01/14/2009

**Signature of Reporting 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).

The shares were acquired by the trustee, for the price of \$22.13, pursuant to Petroleum Development Corporation's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"). Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.

The shares of phantom stock are held in a rabbi trust and become payable, in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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