

PDC ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

January 15, 2015

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Amidon Daniel Willson

(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)

01/13/2015

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 _____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr. VP, General Counsel & Sec.

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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/13/2015		M	5,921 A	56,152	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2015		F	2,016 (2) D	\$ 39.63	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2015		A	14,390 (3) A	\$ 0	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Rights	<u>(1)</u>	01/13/2015		M	3,545	<u>(1)</u> 12/31/2014	Common Stock	3,545
Stock Appreciation Rights <u>(4)</u>	\$ 39.63	01/13/2015		A	9,436	<u>(4)</u> 01/13/2025	Common Stock	9,436
Performance Share Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/13/2015		A	4,063	<u>(5)</u> 12/31/2017	Common Stock	4,063

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Amidon Daniel Willson 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr. VP, General Counsel & Sec.	

Signatures

/s/Daniel Willson
Amidon 01/15/2015

 **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).

- Each performance share/right represented a contingent right to receive shares of Company stock upon achievement of specified minimum thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers measured in December of 2014, as described in the related grant agreement. Shares granted represented a 167% payout on previously awarded performance shares/rights.
- (1) Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon vesting of shares of restricted stock pursuant to time-based vesting.
 - (2) The restricted stock units vest in three pro rata installments on December 30, 2015, December 30, 2016 and January 13, 2018.

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- (4) The SARs become exercisable in three pro rata installments on December 30, 2015, December 30, 2016 and January 13, 2018. The reporting person also holds additional previously awarded SARs subject to different vesting, exercise price and other criteria.

Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that number in shares of PDCE common stock. The amount reported represents the "target" number. The performance shares units vest upon continued employment and achievement of

- (5) specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers, as measured in December of 2017 and as described in the related grant agreement. Participant also holds additional previously awarded performance shares/rights, all subject to different future vesting and performance criteria.

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