

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO

Form 4

December 16, 2004

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 *
SHEFFIELD KENNETH H JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD.,
SUITE 900**

(Street)

IRVING, TX 75039

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2004

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)

SUBSIDIARY OFFICER

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M		3,333	A	\$ 17.25
					20,865		
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M		4,167	A	\$ 7.875
					25,032		
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S		7,500	D	\$ 34.4321
					17,532		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.875	12/14/2004		M	4,167	02/15/2001 02/15/2006	Common Stock	4,167
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25	12/14/2004		M	3,333	09/30/1998 08/19/2004	Common Stock	3,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHEFFIELD KENNETH H JR 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900 IRVING, TX 75039			SUBSIDIARY OFFICER	

Signatures

By: Mark L. Withrow, Attorney-in-Fact For: Kenneth H.
Sheffield, Jr.

12/16/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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