

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
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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 \*  
**WILLIAMS STEVEN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CEO and Chairman

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 120 GENESIS BOULEVARD**  
 (Street)  
**BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/21/2008**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S		500	D	\$ 74.61	223,886	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S		241	D	\$ 74.64	223,645	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S		59	D	\$ 74.66	223,586	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S		1,000	D	\$ 76	222,586	D

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Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.01	222,486	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	200	D	\$ 76.04	222,286	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	695	D	\$ 76.05	221,591	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	200	D	\$ 76.08	221,391	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	405	D	\$ 76.1	220,986	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	197	D	\$ 76.105	220,789	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	400	D	\$ 76.11	220,389	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.12	220,289	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.13	220,189	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	336	D	\$ 76.16	219,853	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	88	D	\$ 76.17	219,765	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	204	D	\$ 76.18	219,561	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	200	D	\$ 76.19	219,361	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	400	D	\$ 76.21	218,961	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	400	D	\$ 76.22	218,561	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	800	D	\$ 76.23	217,761	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.24	217,661	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	903	D	\$ 76.25	216,758	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	72	D	\$ 76.26	216,686	D
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	198	D	\$ 76.265	216,488	D
	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	128	D	\$ 76.28	216,360	D

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	300	D	\$ 76.29	216,060	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.3	215,960	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	600	D	\$ 76.31	215,360	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	400	D	\$ 76.33	214,960	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2008	05/27/2008	S	100	D	\$ 76.34	214,860	D	

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS STEVEN R C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 120 GENESIS BOULEVARD BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330	X		CEO and Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Steven R  
Williams

05/21/2008

\_\_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).

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