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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add Lauck Lance | lress of Reporti | ing Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2018 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy | | | |
| (Street) DENVER, CO 80203 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-I | Derivative S | Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------|---|--------|--------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | 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 | 03/09/2018 | | S | 10,000 | ` ' | \$ 53.95 (1) | 100,228 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,831 (2) | I | By 401(k) Plan | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Lauck Lance

1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203

EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy

Signatures

Daniel W. Amidon, by power of attorney

03/12/2018

**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).
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.28 to \$53.90, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (2) 401(k) Plan holdings as of March 9, 2018.

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