

Amidon Daniel Willson
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Amidon Daniel Willson

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/16/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Gen. Counsel & Secretary

DENVER, CO 80203

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 01/16/2012 | | A | A | 9,273 <u>(1)</u> | \$ 0 | 43,167 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽²⁾ | \$ 30.19 | 01/16/2012 | | A | 7,935 | 01/16/2013 01/16/2022 | Common Stock | 7,935 |
| Performance Shares/Rights | ⁽³⁾ | 01/16/2012 | | A | 3,545 | ⁽³⁾ 12/31/2014 | Common Stock | 3,545 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Amidon Daniel Willson 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203 | | | Gen. Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel W. Amidon 01/18/2012
 **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).
- (1) The common stock vests in three equal installments on January 16, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) The SARs become exercisable in three equal installments on January 16, 2013, 2014 and 2015. The participant also holds additional previously awarded SARs subject to different vesting and criteria set forth in the related Form 8-K filings.
 Each performance share/right represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that target number of shares of PETD common stock. The performance shares/rights vest upon continued employment and achievement of specified thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers, as disclosed in a related Form 8-K to be filed on or before January 20, 2012. Participant also holds additional previously awarded performance shares/rights, all subject to future vesting and performance criteria set forth in the related Form 8-K filings.

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