

PDC ENERGY, INC.  
Form SC 13D/A  
March 07, 2019

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\*

PDC Energy, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

69327R101  
(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and  
Communications)

March 7, 2019  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This  
Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or Rule 13d-1(g), check the following box. [ ]

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

**1** Kimmeridge Energy Management Company, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE

**2** BOX IF A MEMBER OF (b) A GROUP

**3** SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

**4** AF CHECK BOX IF

DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING

**5** IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**6**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

**7** SOLE VOTING POWER  
**8** 0 SHARED VOTING POWER

**9** 3,382,900 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**10** 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE

POWER

3,382,900

**11** AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

**12** 3,382,900  
CHECK IF THE  
AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11) ..  
EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN  
SHARES  
PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY  
**13** AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

**14** 5.1%  
TYPE OF REPORTING  
PERSON

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Amendment No. 1"). This Amendment No. 1 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

**Item 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION**

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

On March 7, 2019, the Kimmeridge Funds submitted to the Issuer a notice of their intention to nominate three individuals—James F. Adelson, Benjamin Dell and Alice E. Gould (collectively, the "Nominees")—for election to the Board at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders of the Issuer.

Additionally, the Reporting Person issued a press release (the "Press Release"), announcing, among other things, its nomination of the Nominees. This description of the Press Release is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Press Release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is incorporated by reference herein. The

Reporting Person has also made available a public presentation to stockholders (the "Nomination Presentation"), stating, among other things, the Reporting Person's belief that the Board should be refreshed and that the Issuer should (i) develop a plan to return ROACE above the WACC at \$50/bbl and \$3/mcf, (ii) cut SG&A from approximately 20% of cashflow to industry leading levels, (iii) return cash to stockholders and implement a sustainable dividend, (iv) execute on the capital program without cost overruns and (v) evaluate strategic opportunities to build scale. The foregoing summary of the Nomination Presentation is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Nomination Presentation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 6.**  
**CONTRACTS,  
ARRANGEMENTS,  
UNDERSTANDINGS  
OR  
RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH RESPECT TO  
SECURITIES OF  
THE ISSUER**

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:



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The Reporting Person entered into an agreement with each of the Nominees (except Benjamin Dell) (the "Nominee Agreement") whereby, among other things, each Nominee agreed to become a member of a slate of nominees and stand for election as a director of the Issuer in connection with a proxy solicitation which may be conducted by the Kimmeridge Funds in respect of the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders of the Issuer. Each Nominee also agreed to consult with the Reporting Person regarding any purchase of securities of the Issuer and such Nominee agreed not to dispose of any such securities prior to the termination of the Nominee Agreement without the prior consent of the Reporting Person. This description of the Nominee Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Nominee Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D and is incorporated by reference herein..

**Item 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS  
EXHIBITS**

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Exhibit B: Press Release, dated March 7, 2019

Exhibit C: Nomination Presentation, dated March 7, 2019

Exhibit D: Form of Nominee Agreement



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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 7, 2019

**KIMMERIDGE  
ENERGY  
MANAGEMENT  
COMPANY, LLC**

By: /s/ Benjamin Dell  
Name: Benjamin Dell  
Title: Managing Member