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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOUGHTON JAMES L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO [PXD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2005	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
(Street) IRVING, TX 75039	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reportin Person	

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	n(A) or D	rities Acquired Disposed of (D) , 4 and 5)		Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I)		Securities Form: Direct Inc Beneficially (D) or Be Owned Indirect (I) Ov Following (Instr. 4) (Ir		(D) Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		
		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common Stock	02/22/2005	M	4,000	A	\$ 10.25	5,912	D					
Common Stock	02/22/2005	S	700	D	\$ 40.81	5,212	D					
Common Stock	02/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 40.77	4,812	D					
Common Stock	02/22/2005	S	2,900	D	\$ 40.75	1,912	D					
Common Stock						2,000	I	IRA				

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Common Stock	5,313	I	by Spouse Trust
Common Stock	2,718	I	by Trust

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amour

Stock

5. Number

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y		(Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	ŕ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 10.25	02/22/2005		M	4,000	05/18/2000	05/18/2005	Common	4,0

Reporting Owners

2.

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOUGHTON JAMES L 5205 N. O'CONNOR BLVD., SUITE 900 IRVING, TX 75039	X					

Signatures

(right to buy)

1. Title of

By: Mark L. Withrow, Attorney-in-Fact For: James L. Houghton 02/23/2005

**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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