FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Vashington, | D.C. 20549 |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Lauck Lance |  |  |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PDC ENERGY, INC. [ PDCE ] |   |        |                            |  |  |                    |   |                  |                         | k all applica<br>Director                          | able)   | Person(s) to Issu<br>10% Ow             |  | /ner   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|--------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)<br>1775 SHE                                    | (Firs  | st) (N<br>REET, SUITE 30                   | Middle)                                       |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2021 |        |                            |  |  |                    |   |                  |                         | below)   | •   | Other (spe<br>below)<br>Oev. & Strategy |  | респу  |  |
| (Street) DENVER (City)                                | CO<br>(Sta   |  | 0203<br>Zip)                                  |  | 4. lf   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |        |                            |  |  |                    |   |                  | 6. Indi<br>Line)<br>X   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |   |  |   |   |        |                            |  |  |                    |   |                  |                         |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | Date  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | Transaction D Code (Instr. |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                    |   |                  |                         | es Fo<br>ally (D<br>Following (I)                  |   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)       | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                               |  |  |
|   |  |  |   |  |   |   |        |                            | Code   | v  | Amount             | (A) or<br>(D)   | Pri              | се                      | Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a                           | ion(s)  |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock  |  |  |   | 01/08                                      | 8/2021  |   |        |                            | M  |  | 15,211             | A   |                  | (1)                     | 159,434  |   | D                                       |  |  |  |
| Common Stock  |  |  | 01/08   | 8/2021                                     |   |   |        | F                          |  | 4,692(2)   | ) D                | \$2   | 23.89            | 154,742                 |  |   | D                                       |  |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |  |   |   |        |                            |  |  |                    |   |                  |                         |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,                                      | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                               |   |        |                            | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Ye |  | te                 | 7. Title and Am<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                         | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>lly                           | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |  |  |   | Cod  | Code  | v   | (A)    | (D)                        | Date<br>Exercisa                                   | ıble   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | or<br>Nun<br>of  | nount<br>Imber<br>Iares |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Performance<br>Share Rights                           | (1)  | 01/08/2021                                 |   |  | M   |   | 15,211 |                            | (1)  |  | 12/31/2020         | Common<br>Stock   | Common Stock 15, |                         | (1)  | 0   |   | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each performance share/right represented a contingent right to receive shares of PDC Energy, Inc. common stock upon achievement of specified minimum thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers measured in December of 2020, as described in the related grant agreement. Shares granted represent a 100% payout on previously awarded performance shares/rights.
- 2. Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon settlement of performance shares/rights.

/s/ Nicole L. Martinet, by power 01/12/2021 of attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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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