

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**



**PDC ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**95-2636730**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
(303) 860-5800**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive office)

**2018 Equity Incentive Plan**  
(Full Title of Plan)

**Daniel W. Amidon, Esq.**  
**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**  
**PDC Energy, Inc.**  
**1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000**  
**Denver, Colorado 80203**  
**(303) 860-5800**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copies to:**

**John A. Eloffson, Esq.**  
Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP  
1550 Seventeenth Street, Suite 500  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
(303) 892-9400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,800,000 shares	\$ 60.28	\$ 108,504,000.00	\$ 13,509.00

(1) This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the

Registrant's outstanding shares of common stock.

- (2) The offering price is estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee and is based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock on June 8, 2018, as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.
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**Part I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

As permitted by the rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), this registration statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8. PDC Energy, Inc. (the “Registrant”) shall send or give the documents containing the information specified in Part I to the participants in the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan as required by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”).

**Part II**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents have been filed with the Commission by the Registrant and are hereby incorporated in this registration statement by reference, excluding any disclosures therein that have been furnished and not filed:

- The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Commission on February 27, 2018, as amended by our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Commission on May 1, 2018;
- The information specifically incorporated by reference into the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 from the Registrant’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Commission on April 19, 2018;
- The Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018 filed with the Commission on May 3, 2018;
- The Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A filed with the Commission on January 5, 2018, February 9, 2018, May 25, 2018 and May 31, 2018; and
- The description of the Registrant’s capital stock contained in Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the Commission on June 8, 2015, as amended and superseded by the description of the Registrant’s capital stock included in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on May 31, 2018.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), subsequent to the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement indicating that all securities offered under the registration statement have been sold, or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and shall be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents (other than any portions of such documents that are deemed furnished under applicable Commission rules rather than filed).

Any statement contained in a document incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

None.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”), which is applicable to the Registrant, permits a corporation to eliminate or limit the personal liability of directors of a corporation to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached his or her duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct, knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of an unlawful dividend, approved an unlawful stock purchase or redemption or derived an improper personal benefit. The certificate of incorporation of the Registrant eliminates the personal liability of its directors to the maximum extent permitted by Section 102 of the DGCL.

Section 145 of the DGCL authorizes a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or

investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), because such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reason to believe such person's conduct was unlawful. Similar indemnity is authorized for such persons against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in defense or settlement of any such pending, completed or threatened action or suit by or in the right of the corporation if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and provided further that, unless a court of competent jurisdiction otherwise provides, such person shall not have been adjudged liable to the corporation. Any such indemnification may be made only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination that indemnification is proper because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct. The bylaws of the Registrant generally provide that the Registrant will indemnify its directors and officers to the extent permitted by the DGCL.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors. Under the indemnification agreements, the Registrant is generally required to indemnify the directors to the full extent authorized or permitted by applicable law.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	<a href="#">Form of Common Stock Certificate of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2017).</a>
5.1	<a href="#">Opinion of Davis Graham &amp; Stubbs LLP.</a>
10.1	<a href="#">2018 Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 31, 2018).</a>
23.1	<a href="#">Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.</a>
23.2	<a href="#">Consent of Ryder Scott Company, LP.</a>
23.3	<a href="#">Consent of Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc.</a>
23.4	<a href="#">Consent of Davis Graham &amp; Stubbs LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).</a>
24.1	<a href="#">Power of Attorney (included on the signature page hereto for PDC Energy, Inc.).</a>

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

- (a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement;

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Denver, State of Colorado, on June 13, 2018.

### PDC ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Barton R. Brookman  
Name: Barton R. Brookman  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned directors and officers of PDC Energy, Inc. hereby constitute and appoint Barton R. Brookman, R. Scott Meyers, and Daniel W. Amidon, and each of them, each with full power to act and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power to execute in our name and behalf in the capacities indicated below any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement and to file the same, with all exhibits and other documents relating thereto with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and hereby ratify and confirm all that such attorney-in-fact or his or her substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Barton R. Brookman</u> Barton R. Brookman	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ R. Scott Meyers</u> R. Scott Meyers	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Jeffrey C. Swoveland</u> Jeffrey C. Swoveland	Chairman of the Board of Directors	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Anthony J. Crisafio</u> Anthony J. Crisafio	Director	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Mark E. Ellis</u> Mark E. Ellis	Director	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Christina M. Ibrahim</u> Christina M. Ibrahim	Director	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Larry F. Mazza</u> Larry F. Mazza	Director	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ Randy S. Nickerson</u> Randy S. Nickerson	Director	June 13, 2018
<u>/s/ David C. Parke</u> David C. Parke	Director	June 13, 2018

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GRAHAM &  
STUBBS

June 13, 2018

PDC Energy, Inc.  
1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: PDC Energy, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to PDC Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 13, 2018 relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of 1,800,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), pursuant to the Company's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with this letter, we have examined (i) the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended to date, (ii) the Bylaws of the Company, as amended to date, (iii) the Plan, (iv) the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the approval of the filing of the Registration Statement and transactions in connection therewith. We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company, such agreements, certificates of public officials, and certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company, and such other documents, instruments, certificates and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein.

In our examination we have assumed: (i) the legal capacity of all natural persons; (ii) the genuineness of all signatures; (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, photostatic or facsimile copies and the authenticity of the originals of such documents; (v) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, instruments, certificates and other documents we have reviewed; and (vi) the absence of any undisclosed modifications to the documents reviewed by us. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein which were not independently established or verified, we have relied upon oral or written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others whom we have further assumed were authorized to make such statements and representations. We further assume that the Shares will continue to be duly and validly authorized on the dates that the Shares are issued pursuant to the terms of the Plan, that, upon the issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of shares of common stock of the Company issued and outstanding, after giving effect to such issuance of such Shares, will not exceed the total number of shares of common stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under its certificate of incorporation, and that the Shares will not be deemed to have been issued for consideration less than the par value thereof.

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Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions expressed herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan following due authorization of the related award, including payment of any applicable exercise price therefor, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We express no opinion under, or view with respect to, either directly or indirectly, laws other than the law of the State of Delaware and the federal law of the United States.

We hereby consent to the filing of this letter with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder. The opinions in this letter are expressed as of the date hereof unless otherwise expressly stated, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in applicable law.

Sincerely,

/s/ Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP

Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of PDC Energy, Inc. of our report dated February 26, 2018 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in PDC Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Denver, Colorado  
June 13, 2018

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**RYDER SCOTT COMPANY**  
**PETROLEUM CONSULTANTS**  
**TBPE FIRM LIC. NO. F-1580**

FAX (303) 623-4258

621 SEVENTEENTH STREET SUITE 1550 DENVER, COLORADO 80293 TELEPHONE (303) 623-9147

**Consent of Independent Petroleum Engineers**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of information from our reserves report dated January 17, 2018, included in or made a part of PDC Energy, Inc.'s ("PDC") Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed on February 27, 2018, and our summary report attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the Form 10-K, each incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of PDC on Form S-8, including any amendments thereto (collectively, the "Registration Statement"), and information derived from such reports in the Registration Statement and any related prospectuses. We also hereby consent to the reference to our firm as experts in the Registration Statement and any related prospectuses.

\\ Ryder Scott Company, L.P.

RYDER SCOTT COMPANY, L.P.

TBPE Firm Registration No. F-1580

Denver, CO  
June 13, 2018

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of information from our reserves report dated January 23, 2018, included in or made a part of PDC Energy, Inc.'s ("PDC") Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed on February 27, 2018, and our summary report attached as Exhibit 99.2 to the Form 10-K, each incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of PDC on Form S-8, including any amendments thereto (collectively, the "Registration Statement"), and information derived from such reports in the Registration Statement and any related prospectuses. We also hereby consent to the reference to our firm as experts in the Registration Statement and any related prospectuses.

**NETHERLAND, SEWELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

By: /s/ J. Carter Henson, Jr.  
J. Carter Henson, Jr., P.E.  
Senior Vice President

Houston, Texas  
June 12, 2018

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