PDC ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Lauck Lance Issuer Symbol PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 01/16/2017 below) 3000 EVP Corp Dev & Strategy (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DENVER, CO 80203 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,918 \$ 01/16/2017 F D 81,980 D (1) 73.45 Stock Common By 401(k) $2,483 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ I Stock Plan

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lauck Lance 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203

EVP Corp Dev & Strategy

Signatures

/s/Lance A 01/18/2017 Lauck

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- 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).
- Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon vesting of shares of restricted stock pursuant to time-based vesting.
- (2) 401(k) Plan holdings as of January 16, 2017.

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