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| (Print or Type l | Responses) | | | | | | | | | |
| Lauck Lance S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| (Lost) | (First) (M | | PDC ENERGY, INC. [PDCE] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (M | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2019 | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy | | | |
| | | | Amendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | | (Zip) Tal | | | | | Person | | | |
| | | 14 | | | | - | uired, Disposed of | | • | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | 4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, Amount | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/05/2019 | | М | 3,692 | А | <u>(1)</u> | 92,912 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/05/2019 | | F | 1,809 (2) | D | \$ 32.71 | 91,103 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,058 <u>(3)</u> | Ι | By 401(k) Plan | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Share Rights | <u>(1)</u> | 01/05/2019 | | М | | 4,733 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/31/2018 | Common Stock | 4,733 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Lauck Lance 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203 | | | EVP, Corp. Dev. & Strategy | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Nicole L. Martinet, by power of attorney | 01/ | 08/2019 | | | | | |

<u>**</u>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).

Each performance share/right represented a contingent right to receive shares of PDC Energy, Inc. common stock upon achievement of (1) specified minimum thresholds of total shareholder return (TSR) compared to certain peers measured in December of 2018, as described in

(2) Represents shares of common stock surrendered to issuer to cover tax withholding obligation of the reporting person upon settlement of performance shares/rights.

(3) 401(k) Plan holdings as of January 5, 2019.

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