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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. R
Wehrle	E.	Gaines	PrimeEnergy Corporation PNRG		t
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			
835 Hillcrest Drive			3. IRS Identification		
	(Street)		Number of Reporting		
Charleston	WV	25311	Person, if an entity		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(voluntary)		
			235-72-4019		
			4. Statement for		
			Month/Year		
			Jan '01		
			5. If Amendment,		
			Date of Original		
			(Month/Year)		
			N/A		7. I
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TABLE I -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DIS

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Transac- tion Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of curities B cially Own End of Mon (Instr. 3
		Code	V Amount (A) or Price (D)	
Common Stock, \$0.10 PAR	1/19/01	5	28,700 (D) \$7.00	698,521

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Securities	Derivative	Beneficial
Beneficially	Security:	Ownership
Owned at End	Direct (D)	(Instr. 4)
of Month	or Indirect (I)	
(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Mr. Wehrle may be deemed the beneficial owner by reason of his position with McJunkin Corpora the record holder of these shares. This filing is not an admission by Mr. Wehrle that he is, for purposes of Section of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of shares.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ E.

**Signa
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