PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES CO Form 8-K September 01, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 1, 2005 PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-1324575-2702753(State or other(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employerjurisdiction of incorporation)Identification Number)

5205 N. O Connor Blvd
Suite 900
(Zip code)

**Irving, Texas** (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (972) 444-9001

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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240.14a-12)

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# Item 2.04. Triggering Events That Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement.

On September 1, 2005 Pioneer Natural Resource Company (the Company) gave notice that it will call for redemption all of its outstanding 9-5/8% Senior Notes due 2010 (the 9-5/8 Notes) and 7.50% Senior Notes due 2012 (the 7.50 Notes and together with the 9-5/8 Notes, the Notes) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, dated as of January 13, 1998, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (as amended and supplemented through the date hereof, the Indenture). The redemption date for the Notes will be October 3, 2005. The redemption price for the Notes will be an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus (i) accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of redemption and (ii) a make-whole premium equal to the excess of:

the sum of the present values, calculated as of the date of redemption using a reference treasury yield plus 50 basis points, of:

- (a) each interest payment that, but for such redemption, would have been payable on the note being redeemed on each interest payment date occurring after the date of redemption (excluding any accrued interest for the period prior to the date of redemption); and
- (b) the principal amount that, but for such redemption, would have been payable at the final maturity of the note being redeemed *over*

the principal amount of the note being redeemed.

The 9-5/8 Notes were originally issued on April 11, 2000 and, as of August 30, 2005, there was approximately \$12.6 million of aggregate principal amount outstanding. The 7.50 Notes were originally issued on April 30, 2002 and, as of August 30, 2005, there was approximately \$16.2 million of aggregate principal amount outstanding.

On and after the redemption date, the Notes will no longer be deemed outstanding, interest will cease to accrue thereon, and all rights of the holder of the Notes will cease, except for the right to receive the redemption price, without interest thereon.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 1, 2005, the Company announced a \$1 billion share repurchase and other strategic initiatives. The Company also announced that a conference call will be webcast on September 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Central time to discuss these initiatives with an accompanying presentation. The presentation, which includes certain historical and forward-looking data about the Company that is not otherwise readily available, is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

On September 1, 2005, the Company announced that, in order to enhance shareholder value and returns, it had approved a series of strategic initiatives, including:

initiating a \$1 billion share repurchase program

pursuing divestment of properties in deepwater Gulf of Mexico and Tierra del Fuego in southern Argentina

implementing a plan to exit exploration in deepwater Gulf of Mexico

reducing exploration budget to 15% 20% of total capital from 30%

reallocating capital to North America onshore development and extension drilling

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hedging eligible oil and gas production for 2006 and 2007 using costless collars

increasing dividend on common stock by 20% to \$.12 per share

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY

/s/ Darin G. Holderness Darin G. Holderness Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: September 1, 2005

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**Exhibit** 

Number Exhibit Title

99.1 Pioneer Natural Resources Presentation