

STUMP DARWIN L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STUMP DARWIN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 103 E MAIN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
CFO

(Street)
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Restricted Common Stock	03/16/2006		A		4,381 (1)	A	\$ 43.74
					29,611	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 43.74	03/16/2006		A	880	03/16/2007 03/16/2016	Common Stock	880
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 43.74	03/16/2006		A	881	03/16/2008 03/16/2016	Common Stock	881
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 43.74	03/16/2006		A	881	03/16/2009 03/16/2016	Common Stock	881
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 43.74	03/16/2006		A	881	03/16/2010 03/16/2016	Common Stock	881

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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103 E MAIN STREET
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

CFO

Signatures

/s/ Darwin L.
Stump 03/20/2006

**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).
- (1) These shares vest 25% upon the passage of each year following the grant.

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