

Amidon Daniel Willson  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Amidon Daniel Willson

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Gen. Counsel & Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2011

DENVER, CO 80203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/31/2011		M		3,134	A	\$ 35.11
Common Stock	12/31/2011		F		1,288	D	\$ 35.11
Common Stock	01/02/2012		F		449	D	\$ 35.11

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares/Rights	\$ 35.11	12/31/2011		M	3,134	(1) 12/31/2013	Common Stock	3,134

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Amidon Daniel Willson 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203			Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/Daniel Willson  
Amidon 01/04/2012

\*\*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) Performance shares/rights earned based upon the average closing price of Petroleum Development Corporation ("Company") stock during December 2011, as disclosed in Form 8-K filed by the Company on March 5, 2009.
- (2) Participant holds 1,045 remaining performance shares/rights awarded in the same grant as that reported herein awarded on March 4, 2009, as well as performance shares/rights awarded separately on March 7, 2008 and March 12, 2011, in the amounts of 3,698 and 1,791 shares, respectively, all subject to future vesting and those performance criteria set forth in the Form 8-K filings on March 13, 2008 and March 12, 2011, respectively.

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