

SVOVELAND JEFFREY C  
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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 \*  
 SVOVELAND JEFFREY C

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/01/2009

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

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000

(Street)

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

DENVER, CO 80203

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/01/2009		A	(1)	4,000 \$ 15.69	D	
Common Stock	07/01/2009		F	(2)	660 \$ 15.69	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	(3)	07/02/2009		A	4	(3) (3)	Common Stock 4	\$ 14.7
Common Stock	(4)	07/02/2009		A	344	(4) (4)	Common Stock 344	\$ 14.

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SVOVELAND JEFFREY C C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE 3000 DENVER, CO 80203	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Swoveland 07/06/2009

\_\_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) The shares subject to this report were acquired pursuant to the PDC Non-Employee Director Stock Plan and are restricted shares, subject to various conditions/restrictions, and cannot presently be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by the holder.
- (2) Represents withholding of shares for the tax liability associated with the vesting of time-based restricted stock.  
The shares were acquired by the trustee, for the price of \$14.71 pursuant to Petroleum Development Corporation's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"). Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.
- (3) The shares of phantom stock are held in a rabbi trust and become payable, in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.
- (4) The shares were acquired by the trustee, for the price of \$14.80, pursuant to Petroleum Development Corporation's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"). Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.

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The shares of phantom stock are held in a rabbi trust and become payable, in cash or common stock, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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