

STEARNS ERIC R  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STEARNS ERIC R

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)  
Executive Vice President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2004

(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  
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) or Price   |  |  |
| Restricted Common Stock         | 12/13/2004                           |  | A                              |   | 5,080 (1) \$ 37.15  | 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)                     | \$ 37.15   | 12/13/2004                           |  | A                              | 917   | 12/13/2005 12/13/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 917                           |
| Options (Common Stock)                     | \$ 37.15   | 12/13/2004                           |  | A                              | 918   | 12/13/2006 12/13/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 918                           |
| Options (Common Stock)                     | \$ 37.15   | 12/13/2004                           |  | A                              | 917   | 12/13/2007 12/13/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 917                           |
| Options (Common Stock)                     | \$ 37.15   | 12/13/2004                           |  | A                              | 918   | 12/13/2008 12/13/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 918                           |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

STEARNS ERIC R  
C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
103 E MAIN STREET  
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

Executive  
Vice  
President

## Signatures

/s/ Eric R.  
Stearns      12/15/2004

\*\*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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