

RILEY THOMAS EDWARD  
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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 \*  
**RILEY THOMAS EDWARD**

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)  
**12/13/2004**

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

(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 (A)		
Restricted Common Stock	12/13/2004		A		5,390 (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	972	12/13/2005 12/13/2014	Common Stock	972
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	973	12/13/2006 12/13/2014	Common Stock	973
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	972	12/13/2007 12/13/2014	Common Stock	972
Options (Common Stock)	\$ 37.15	12/13/2004		A	973	12/13/2008 12/13/2014	Common Stock	973

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RILEY THOMAS EDWARD C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP 103 E MAIN STREET BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330	X		President	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas E. Riley  
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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