

# 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 <b>KOEHLER NEIL M</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>President and CEO</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/19/2006</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
5711 N. WEST AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)								
FRESNO, CA 93711								
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 30	3,886,139	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		50	D	\$ 30.01	3,886,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		8,000	D	\$ 30.02	3,878,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.0202	3,877,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.022	3,876,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.0298	3,875,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.03	3,874,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.0315	3,873,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.0522	3,872,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.0952	3,871,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1054	3,870,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1278	3,869,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 30.14	3,867,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1423	3,866,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1453	3,865,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.146	3,864,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.15	3,863,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1571	3,862,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.1837	3,861,089	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		5,800	D	\$ 30.2	3,855,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.201	3,854,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2013	3,853,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$	3,852,289	D	

Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	30.2042	3,852,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2066	3,851,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2087	3,850,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2097	3,849,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 30.21	3,847,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2133	3,846,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 30.2139	3,845,289	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		400	D	\$ 30.22	3,844,889	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)				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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOEHLER NEIL M 5711 N. WEST AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93711	X	X	President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Neil M. Koehler	04/20/2006
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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).

### Remarks:

This is Part 1 of 6. There are more than 30 transactions to report.

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