

# FORM 4

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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 * Langley William G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Officer		
(Last) 5711 N. WEST AVE	(First) WILLIAM	(Middle) G	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/19/2006			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		
(Street) FRESNO, CA 93711			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(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		M		50,000	A	\$ 8.03	50,000	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		36,486	D	\$ 32.2594	13,514	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		5,665	D	\$ 31.95	7,849	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		4,772	D	\$ 31.75	3,077	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		1,700	D	\$ 31.5679	1,377	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		739	D	\$ 31.55	638	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		300	D	\$ 31.77	338	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		200	D	\$ 31.76	138	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		100	D	\$ 31.78	38	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		28	D	\$ 31.81	10	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2006		S		10	D	\$ 31.75	0	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2006		M		35,000	A	\$ 8.03	35,000	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2006		S		35,000	D	\$ 28.8805	0	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)	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 8.03	04/19/2006		M		50,000	08/10/2005(1)	08/10/2015	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 0	375,000	D	
Common Stock Purchase Option	\$ 8.03	04/20/2006		M		35,000	08/10/2005(1)	08/10/2015	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 0	340,000	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Langley William G 5711 N. WEST AVE FRESNO, CA 93711			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ William G. Langley		04/21/2006
<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).
- (1) The option vested immediately as to 85,000 shares and vests as to an additional 85,000 shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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